

law, the report on the effects of mergers and acquisitions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1546. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (for Health Affairs and Reserve Affairs), transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the report on the means of improving the provision of uniform and consistent medical and dental care to the members of the reserve components serving on active duty; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1547. A communication from the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on printing and duplicating services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1548. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for the National Security Education Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1549. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Reserve Forces Policy Board for fiscal year; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1550. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on proposed obligations for weapons destruction and non-proliferation in the former Soviet Union; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1551. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Department, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize a food cost based Basic Allowance for Subsistence for enlisted military personnel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1552. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Department, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to permit Service Secretaries to defer the retirement of Chaplains; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1553. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Department, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation that address personnel, procurement, policy and environmental concerns; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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. ALLARD:

S. 572. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal restrictions on taxpayers having medical savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 573. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax deduction for student loan interest payments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 574. A bill to delay the application of the substantiation requirements to reimbursement arrangements of certain loggers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. REID, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. KERREY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. MACK, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 575. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for

health insurance costs of self-employed individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 576. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that corporate tax benefits from stock option compensation expenses are allowed only to the extent such expenses are included in corporate accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GLENN (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 577. A bill to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 578. A bill to permit an individual to be treated by a health care practitioner with any method of medical treatment such individual requests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. ASHCROFT:

S. 579. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance taxes paid by employees and self-employed individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. KYL):

S. 580. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to designate that up to 10 percent of their income tax liability be used to reduce the national debt, and to require spending reductions equal to the amounts so designated; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 581. A bill to amend section 49 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the periods of service that a judge or justice may serve on the division of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to appoint independent counsels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWBACK (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 582. A bill to deem as timely submitted certain written notices of intent under section 8009(c)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for school year 1997-1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 583. A bill to change the date on which individual Federal income tax returns must be filed to the Nation's Tax Freedom Day, the day on which the country's citizens no longer work to pay taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ABRAHAM:

S. 584. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to change the time for filing income tax returns from April 15 to the first Tuesday in November, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 585. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to abate the accrual of interest on income tax underpayments by taxpayers located in Presidentially declared disaster areas if the Secretary extends the time for filing returns and payment of tax for such returns; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CHAFFEE, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROTH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DODD, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GREGG, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. REED, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 586. A bill to reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REID, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BRYAN):

S. Res. 72. A resolution to allow disabled persons or Senate employees seeking access to the Senate floor the ability to bring what supporting services are necessary for them to execute their official duties; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 73. A resolution to declare the need for tax relief for the American people and condemn the abuses of power and authority committed by the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 74. A resolution to commend the budget deficit reduction and tax relief for working families that has occurred under the Clinton Administration and to urge the Republican Congressional majority to take up without delay a budget resolution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1997, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 573. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax deduction for student loan interest payments; to the Committee on Finance.

THE LOAN INTEREST FORGIVENESS FOR EDUCATION ACT

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I am pleased to join my distinguished colleague from Iowa, Senator GRASSLEY, and my colleague from Montana, Senator CONRAD BURNS, in introducing S. 573, the Loan Interest Forgiveness for Education Act, the LIFE Act. One of the major forces driving this bill is our growing concern that parents and students in this country have access to a quality education without amassing enormous student loan bills.

The cost of college has a direct impact on access to college. The more tuition goes up, the more students will be