

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Edwin J. Arnold, Jr., 0000.  
 Col. John R. Batiste, 0000.  
 Col. Buford C. Blount, III, 0000.  
 Col. Steven W. Boutelle, 0000.  
 Col. John S. Brown, 0000.  
 Col. Edward T. Buckley, Jr., 0000.  
 Col. Eddie Cain, 0000.  
 Col. Kevin T. Campbell, 0000.  
 Col. Jonathan H. Cofer, 0000.  
 Col. Bantz J. Craddock, 0000.  
 Col. Keith W. Dayton, 0000.  
 Col. Barbara Doornink, 0000.  
 Col. Paul D. Eaton, 0000.  
 Col. Jeanette K. Edmunds, 0000.  
 Col. Karl W. Eikenberry, 0000.  
 Col. Dean R. Ertwine, 0000.  
 Col. Steven W. Flohr, 0000.  
 Col. Nicholas P. Grant, 0000.  
 Col. Stanley E. Green, 0000.  
 Col. Craig D. Hackett, 0000.  
 Col. Franklin L. Hagenbeck, 0000.  
 Col. Hubert L. Hartsell, 0000.  
 Col. George A. Higgins, 0000.  
 Col. James C. Hylton, 0000.  
 Col. Gene M. LaCoste, 0000.  
 Col. Michael D. Maples, 0000.  
 Col. Philip M. Mattox, 0000.  
 Col. Dee A. McWilliams, 0000.  
 Col. Thomas F. Metz, 0000.  
 Col. Daniel G. Mongeon, 0000.  
 Col. William E. Mortensen, 0000.  
 Col. Raymond T. Odierno, 0000.  
 Col. Eric T. Olson, 0000.  
 Col. James W. Parker, 0000.  
 Col. Ricardo S. Sanchez, 0000.  
 Col. John R. Schmader, 0000.  
 Col. Gary D. Speer, 0000.  
 Col. Mitchell H. Stevenson, 0000.  
 Col. Carl A. Strock, 0000.  
 Col. Charles H. Swannack, Jr., 0000.  
 Col. Hugh B. Tant, III, 0000.  
 Col. Terry L. Tucker, 0000.  
 Col. William G. Webster, Jr., 0000.  
 Col. John R. Wood, 0000.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

The following executive reports of committees were submitted on July 24, 1997:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

John J. Hamre, of South Dakota, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

(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.)

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Jamie Rappaport Clark, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(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.)

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Richard Thomas White, of Michigan, to be a member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 1999.

Calvin D. Buchanan, of Mississippi, to be U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of 4 years.

Thomas E. Scott, of Florida, to be U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of 4 years.

(The above nominations 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 time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1061. 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, 1998, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. D'AMATO (for himself and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 1062. A bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1063. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on KN001 (a hydrochloride); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1064. A bill to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to more effectively manage visitor service and fishing activity in Glacier Bay National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1065. A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act with respect to the appointment of an independent counsel; read the first time.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1066. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the alcohol fuels credit to be allocated to patrons of a cooperative in certain cases; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1067. A bill to prohibit United States military assistance and arms transfers to foreign governments that are undemocratic, do not adequately protect human rights, are engaged in acts of armed aggression, or are not fully participating in the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. D'AMATO (for himself and Mr. SARBANES):

S. Con. Res. 42. Concurrent resolution to authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a congressional ceremony honoring Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL FOR ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, today I join my friend and colleague from the Banking Committee, Senator SARBANES, to offer a bill that would authorize a congressional gold medal in recognition of the tremendous leadership role—in interfaith relations, international affairs, the promotion of global environmental protection, and the defense of human rights worldwide—of his all holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople.

In addition, we are submitting a concurrent resolution providing for the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony honoring Patriarch Bartholomew on his visit to the United States in late October of this year.

The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is the 270th successor of the nearly 2,000 year old Orthodox Christian Church founded in 36 A.D.

As the spiritual leader of the Orthodox Christian Church, Patriarch Bartholomew is the voice for nearly 300 million followers around the world—5 million of which live in the United States and are of Greek, Russian, Ukrainian, and Serbian descent. The contributions of these Americans to our history and culture exemplify the values, ideals, and dreams of this great Nation.

A champion of religious unity and cooperation, Patriarch Bartholomew is working to promote interfaith dialog between the Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church, leading Protestant denominations, Muslim leaders, and various faiths of America's multiethnic diversity.

Patriarch Bartholomew has also sought to strengthen the bonds between Judaism and Orthodox Christianity. In 1994, he worked side by side with Rabbi David Schneier and the Appeal of Conscience Foundation to co-sponsor the Peace and Tolerance Conference, bringing together Christians, Jews, and Muslims for human and religious freedom.

As a citizen of Turkey, Patriarch Bartholomew is deeply concerned about the need to sustain the cause of peace. He has been a dynamic leader in efforts to ease Greek-Turkish tensions and to promote international cooperation, adherence to international law, and respect for the human rights of victims of aggression.

The impact of Patriarch Bartholomew's compassion is far-reaching. In the war-torn countries of the Balkans,