

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

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services, I report favorably 36 nomination lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy which were printed in full in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of July 29, 31, September 3, and 15, 1997, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators:

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The nominations ordered to lie on the Secretary's desk were printed in the RECORDS of July 29, 31, September 3, and 15, 1997, at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

**In the Marine Corps there is 1 appointment to the grade of lieutenant colonel (Franklin D. McKinney, Jr.) (Reference No. 479)

**In the Air Force there are 85 appointments to the grade of lieutenant colonel and below (list begins with Richard W. Aldrich) (Reference No. 480)

**In the Air Force there are 36 appointments to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with Luis C. Arroyo) (Reference No. 492)

**In the Air Force there are 4 appointments to the grade of lieutenant colonel and below (list begins with James M. Bartlett) (Reference No. 493)

**In the Army there is 1 appointment to the grade of colonel (Frank G. Whitehead) (Reference No. 494)

**In the Army Reserve there are 18 appointments to the grade of colonel (list begins with Mary A. Allred) (Reference No. 495)

**In the Army Reserve there are 11 appointments to the grade of colonel (list begins with Robert C. Baker) (Reference No. 496)

**In the Army there are 74 appointments to the grade of major (list begins with Edwin E. Ahl) (Reference No. 497)

**In the Army there are 155 appointments to the grade of lieutenant colonel (list begins with Christian F. Achleithner) (Reference No. 498)

**In the Air Force Reserve there is 1 appointment to the grade of colonel (Robert J. Sperm) (Reference No. 573)

**In the Air Force Reserve there are 4 appointments to the grade of colonel (list begins with Carl M. Gough) (Reference No. 574)

**In the Army Reserve there is 1 appointment to the grade of colonel (Shri Kant Mishra) (Reference No. 576)

**In the Army Reserve there is 1 appointment to the grade of colonel (David S. Feigin) (Reference No. 577)

**In the Army there is 1 appointment to the grade of major (Clyde A. Moore) (Reference No. 578)

**In the Army there are 3 appointments to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with Terry A. Wikstrom) (Reference No. 579)

**In the Army Reserve there is 1 appointment to the grade of colonel (James H. Wilson) (Reference No. 580)

**In the Army Reserve there are 10 appointments to the grade of colonel (list begins with Ellis E. Brambaugh, Jr.) (Reference No. 581)

**In the Army Reserve there are 19 appointments to the grade of colonel (list begins with Graten D. Beavers) (Reference No. 582)

**In the Marine Corps there is 1 appointment to the grade of colonel (William C. Johnson) (Reference No. 583)

**In the Marine Corps there is 1 appointment to the grade of major (Tony Weckerling) (Reference No. 584)

**In the Marine Corps there is 1 appointment to the grade of major (Jeffrey E. Lister) (Reference No. 585)

**In the Marine Corps there is 1 appointment to the grade of major (Harry Davis Jr.) (Reference No. 586)

**In the Marine Corps there is 1 appointment to the grade of major (Michael D. Dahl) (Reference No. 587)

**In the Marine Corps there is 1 appointment to the grade of major (James C. Clark) (Reference No. 588)

**In the Air Force there are 66 appointments to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with Joseph Argyle) (Reference No. 589)

**In the Army there are 187 appointments to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with James L. Atkins) (Reference No. 590)

**In the Army there are 1,125 appointments to the grade of lieutenant colonel (list begins with Frank J. Abbott) (Reference No. 591)

**In the Army there are 1,795 appointments to the grade of major (list begins with Madelfia A. Abb) (Reference No. 592)

**In the Naval Reserve there are 225 appointments to the grade of captain (list begins with Lawrence E. Adler) (Reference No. 593)

**In the Air Force there are 2,576 appointments to the grade of major (list begins with Arnold K. Abangan) (Reference No. 595)

**In the Army there is 1 appointment to the grade of lieutenant colonel (Rafael Lara, Jr.) (Reference No. 635)

**In the Army National Guard there are 15 appointments to the grade of colonel (list begins with Morris F. Adams, Jr.) (Reference No. 636)

**In the Marine Corps there is 1 appointment to the grade of major (John C. Kotruch) (Reference No. 637)

**In the Navy there are 13 appointments to the grade of captain (list begins with David M. Belt, Jr.) (Reference No. 638)

**In the Army there are 57 appointments to the grade of colonel (list begins with Cynthia A. Abbott) (Reference No. 639)

**In the Navy there are 872 appointments to the grade of commander (list begins with Eugene M. Abler) (Reference No. 640)

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. FAIRCLOTH (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 1219. A bill to require the establishment of a research and grant program for the eradication or control of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other aquatic toxins; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1220. A bill to provide a process for declassifying on an expedited basis certain documents relating to human rights abuses in Guatemala and Honduras; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 1221. A bill to amend title 46 of the United States Code to prevent foreign ownership and control of United States flag vessels employed in the fisheries in the navigable waters and exclusive economic zone of the United States, to prevent the issuance of fishery endorsements to certain vessels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. D'AMATO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. REED, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DODD, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. MACK):

S. 1222. A bill to catalyze restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient financing of projects and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, 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. SPECTER:

S. Res. 126. An original resolution authorizing supplemental expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; from the Committee on Veterans Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. Res. 127. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the planned state visit to the United States by the President of the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 1219. A bill to require the establishment of a research and grant program for the eradication or control of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other aquatic toxins.

THE PFIESTERIA RESEARCH ACT OF 1997

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I rise to talk about a bill I am introducing today, the *Pfiesteria* Research Act of 1997. I thank my colleagues who have joined me as original cosponsors of this bill: Senator BARBARA MIKULSKI, Senator PAUL SARBANES and Senator JOHN WARNER.

This bill is the first Federal legislative response to this mysterious microbe which has been linked to fish kills and also to human health problems all along the east coast, but particularly in the Chesapeake Bay area and along the coast of North Carolina.

Pfiesteria has become more than a problem affecting one State and, as such, a Federal, broader response is necessary. The No. 1 need is research into this mystery, what causes it, why it occurs, and how it can be stopped.

We need to involve the best research laboratories in the country, at Government agencies, at universities, and at State agencies, to study the problem and to find a solution.

Specifically, this bill does two things. First, it authorizes the EPA, the National Marine Fisheries Service,