

have also worked hard to forge strong relationships with their communities. I have visited each of these bases and the surrounding communities and I know these bases are excellent neighbors.

I congratulate the men and women of Ft. Bragg, Seymour Johnson, and Camp LeJeune on their excellent achievement. We in North Carolina are fortunate to have such a strong relationship with these bases and we are so proud these men and women call North Carolina home.●

E.B. KENNELLY SCHOOL

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the achievements of the E.B. Kennelly School, a public elementary school in Hartford, CT. I recently visited the Kennelly School and was truly impressed with the progress the school has made in improving the educational standards in recent years.

The Hartford School System has faced some difficult challenges in the past decade, including declining test scores, low parental involvement, and high poverty rates among its student population. In recent years, the faculty and staff of the Kennelly School, led by principal Dr. Zoe Athanson, have brought the school up to such high standards that it has completed a voluntary accreditation process for elementary schools through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. This has made the Kennelly School one of two Hartford schools to become the first fully accredited elementary schools in a large city in the State of Connecticut. Through hard work, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to the students, the Kennelly School has demonstrated that city schools are able to achieve the same academic standards as their suburban counterparts, often against greater odds. The achievements of the Kennelly School serve as a model for troubled school systems throughout the country. With a commitment to excellence, anything is possible.

The people of Connecticut applaud the E.B. Kennelly School for its accomplishments. As the Kennelly School approaches its 100th Anniversary, we wish them much continued success in the future.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated on March 22, 2001:

EC-1123. A communication from the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the delay of a joint report on the implementation of law dealing with sharing health care costs with the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCONNELL, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Special Report entitled "Review of Legislative Activity During the 106th Congress" (Rept. No 107-6).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

On Friday, March 23, 2001, the following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 608. A bill to amend the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 to provide for greater ownership of electric power generation assets by municipal and rural electric cooperative utilities that provide retail electric service in the Tennessee Valley region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 609. A bill to close loopholes in the firearms laws which allow the unregulated manufacture, assembly, shipment, or transportation of firearms or firearm parts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 610. A bill to provide grants to law enforcement agencies to purchase firearms needed to perform law enforcement duties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 611. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reduction in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain Government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200, adjusted for inflation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 612. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement an annual plan for outreach regarding veterans benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FITZGERALD:

S. 613. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the use of the small ethanol producer credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 614. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Administration from taking action to finalize, implement, or enforce a rule related to the hours of service of drivers for motor carriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 615. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the eligibility of veterans for mortgage bond financ-

ing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 616. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the alternative minimum tax on individuals, to raise the exemption for small businesses from such tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 617. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve student and teacher performance and access to education in the critically challenged Lower Mississippi Delta region; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 618. A bill to designate certain lands in the Valley Forge National Historical Park as the Valley Forge National Cemetery; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 619. A bill to establish a grant program that provides incentives for States to enact mandatory minimum sentences for certain firearms offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 620. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding elementary school and secondary school counseling; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 64. A resolution congratulating the city of Detroit and its residents on the occasion of the tercentennial of its founding; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Con. Res. 28. A concurrent resolution calling for a United States effort to end restrictions on the freedoms and human rights of the enclaved people in the occupied area of Cyprus; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 41

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 41, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit and to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit.

S. 155

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) were added as cosponsors of S. 155, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate an inequity in the

applicability of early retirement eligibility requirements to military reserve technicians.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 170, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 177, a bill to amend the provisions of title 19, United States Code, relating to the manner in which pay policies and schedules and fringe benefit programs for postmasters are established.

S. 250

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as cosponsor of S. 250, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued by Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 256

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 256, a bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect breastfeeding by new mothers.

S. 264

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) was added as cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand coverage of bone mass measurements under part B of the medicare program to all individuals at clinical risk for osteoporosis.

S. 272

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as cosponsor of S. 272, a bill to rescind fiscal year 2001 procurement funds for the V-22 Osprey aircraft program other than as necessary to maintain the production base and to require certain reports to Congress concerning that program.

S. 280

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to amend the Agriculture Marketing Act of 1946 to require retailers of beef, lamb, pork, and perishable agricultural commodities to inform consumers, at the final point of sale to consumers, of the country of origin of the commodities.

S. 295

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Pennsyl-

vania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 295, a bill to provide emergency relief to small businesses affected by significant increases in the prices of heating oil, natural gas, propane, and kerosene, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 15 percent reduction in payment rates under the prospective payment system for home health services and to permanently increase payments for such services that are furnished in rural areas.

S. 361

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 361, a bill to establish age limitations for airmen.

S. 367

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 367, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 413

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 413, a bill to amend part F of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and refocus civic education, and for other purposes.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to establish a Federal interagency task force for the purpose of coordinating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as "mad cow disease") and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to prohibit finance charges for on-time payments.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives to encourage the production and use of efficient energy sources, and for other purposes.

S. 597

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from California

(Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to provide for a comprehensive and balanced national energy policy.

S. 598

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 598, a bill to provide for the reissuance of a rule relating to ergonomics.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for digital education partnerships.

S. 605

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 605, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage a strong community-based banking system.

S.J. RES. 4

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 4, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

S. RES. 44

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 44, a resolution designating each of March 2001, and March 2002, as "Arts Education Month."

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 609. A bill to close loopholes in the firearms laws which allow the unregulated manufacture, assembly, shipment, or transportation of firearms or firearm parts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, today I introduce the Gun Parts Trafficking Act.

For years, I have fought along with many of my colleagues against the gun violence that has plagued America. We have sought to keep firearms from the hands of children and those who would use them to do harm. After long debate, we succeeded in enacting a ban on assault weapons, as well as the Brady bill requiring a criminal background at the time of a firearms purchase, positive steps in the effort to protect our communities from gun violence.

Gun violence, however, continues to have a devastating impact on our Nation. The statistics have been well documented, but bear repeating. In 1997 alone, more than 32,000 Americans were shot and killed. Fourteen children die