

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURE REFERRED

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from the further consideration of the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. 1644. A bill to further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KENNEDY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Rene Acosta, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the remainder of the term expiring August 27, 2003.

*Dennis P. Walsh, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2004.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subjected to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk 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 times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 2216. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on fixed-ratio gear changers for truck-mounted concrete mixer drums; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2217. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3101 West Sunflower Avenue in Santa Ana, California, as the "Hector G. Godinez Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2218. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for kidney disease education services under the medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2219. A bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals who contracted the human immunodeficiency virus due to provision of a contaminated blood transfusion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 2220. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require implementation by brand owners of management plans that provide refund values for certain beverage containers; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 2221. A bill to temporarily increase the Federal medical assistance percentage for the medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CLELAND, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 247. A resolution expressing solidarity with Israel in its fight against terrorism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 572

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 572, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend modifications to DSH allotments provided under the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to increase the floor for treatment as an extremely low DSH State to 3 percent in fiscal year 2002.

S. 808

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 808, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the occupational taxes relating to distilled spirits, wine, and beer.

S. 885

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 885, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for national standardized payment amounts for inpatient hospital services furnished under the medicare program.

S. 897

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to provide that the procedures relating to the closing or consolidation of a post office be extended to the relocation or construction of a post office, and for other purposes.

S. 960

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 960, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security

Act to expand coverage of medical nutrition therapy services under the medicare program for beneficiaries with cardiovascular diseases.

S. 1016

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1016, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve the health benefits coverage of infants and children under the medicaid and State children's health insurance program, and for other purposes.

S. 1329

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1329, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive for land sales for conservation purposes.

S. 1626

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1626, a bill to provide disadvantaged children with access to dental services.

S. 1917

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1917, a bill to provide for highway infrastructure investment at the guaranteed funding level contained in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

S. 1924

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1924, a bill to promote charitable giving, and for other purposes.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1945, a bill to provide for the merger of the bank and savings association deposit insurance funds, to modernize and improve the safety and fairness of the Federal deposit insurance system, and for other purposes.

S. 1967

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1967, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve outpatient vision services under part B of the medicare program.

S. 2046

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 2046, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize loan guarantees for rural health facilities to buy new and repair existing infrastructure and technology.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to remove a condition preventing authority for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation from taking affect, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2067, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to enhance the access of medicare beneficiaries who live in medically underserved areas to critical primary and preventive health care benefits, to improve the Medicare+Choice program, and for other purposes.

S. 2070

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2070, a bill to amend part A of title IV to exclude child care from the determination of the 5-year limit on assistance under the temporary assistance to needy families program, and for other purposes.

S. 2184

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2184, a bill to provide for the reissuance of a rule relating to ergonomics.

S. 2189

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2189, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to remedy certain effects of injurious steel imports by protecting benefits of steel industry retirees and encouraging the strengthening of the American steel industry.

S. 2194

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 2194, a bill to hold accountable the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

S. 2215

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2215, a bill to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil, and by so doing hold Syria accountable for its role in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 109

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE)

was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 109, a resolution designating the second Sunday in the month of December as "National Children's Memorial Day" and the last Friday in the month of April as "Children's Memorial Flag Day."

S. RES. 185

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 185, a resolution recognizing the historical significance of the 100th anniversary of Korean immigration to the United States.

S. RES. 230

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 230, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should reject reductions in guaranteed Social Security benefits proposed by the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security.

AMENDMENT NO. 3141

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3141 proposed to S. 517, a bill to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2217. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3101 West Sunflower Avenue in Santa Ana, as the "Hector G. Godinez Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise to ask my colleagues to support a bill to name the Santa Ana, CA Post Office as the "Hector G. Godinez Post Office Building." I introduced similar legislation during the last session of Congress, and I hope, with the Senate's support, it will become law during this session.

Hector Godinez, who passed away in May of 1999, was a true leader in his community of Santa Ana, CA. He was a pioneer in the United States Postal Service rising from letter carrier to become the first Mexican-American to achieve the rank of District Manager within the United States Postal Service. He served with honor in World War II, was an ardent civil rights activist and an active participant in civic organizations and local government.

After graduation from Santa Ana High School, Mr. Godinez enlisted into the armed services and was a tank commander in World War II under General George Patton. For his service, he earned a bronze star for bravery under fire and was also awarded a purple heart for wounds received in battle.

Upon his return home in 1946, Mr. Godinez started his first of 48 years of

distinguished service as a United States postal worker.

Hector Godinez was a true pillar within the Santa Ana community devoting his tireless energy to such civic groups as the Orange County District Boy Scouts of America, Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, Orange County YMCA and National President of the League of United Latin American Citizens, one of the country's oldest Hispanic civil rights organizations.

On behalf of the Godinez family and the people of Santa Ana, CA, it is my pleasure to introduce this bill to name the Santa Ana, CA Post in his honor.

Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 2220. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require implementation by brand owners of management plans that provide refund values for certain beverage containers; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today in celebration of Earth Day to introduce the National Beverage Producer Responsibility Act of 2002. This legislation will increase recycling, reduce litter, save energy, create jobs, decrease the generation of waste and proliferation of landfills, and supply recyclable materials for a high-demand market.

The estimated 1999 recycling rate for aluminum, glass and plastic beverage containers was 41 percent when measured by units and 30 percent when measured by weight. This is unacceptable. We have many laws in place holding industries responsible for their actions; the beverage industry should not be exempt.

The arguments for increasing the beverage container recycling rate to 80 percent could not be more timely. This redemption rate would save the equivalent of 640 million barrels of oil in the next decade. Based on 1999 figures, recycled containers accounted for a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 4,093,000 metric tons, or about 79 pounds for each of 103.9 million households in the U.S. Analysis shows that land filling the containers recycled in 1999 would have required the use of about 20 million cubic yards of landfill space. A single landfill of this size, with a depth of 300 feet, would cover an area of about 40 acres. Recycling is an easy way to ease our dependence on foreign oil, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and conserve natural resources.

Ten States, including Vermont, attest to the success of deposit legislation, commonly called bottle bills. Vermont, whose law passed in 1972, has one of the highest redemption rates in the nation, 95 to 98 percent of deposit-bearing containers are recycled. The popularity behind the issue grows every year; thirty bottle bills were introduced this year in State legislatures across this country.

The National Beverage Producer Responsibility Act of 2002 is a new approach to the traditional bottle bill