

our country must deal with the entire range of terrorist threats before us; and

Whereas, The ongoing preparations for a military action to deal with threats from Iraq and its weapons of mass destruction are a direct and necessary response for the United States and our allies. As the world learns more about the links between the reign of hatred of Saddam Hussein and international terrorist organizations, including those affiliated with Osama bin Laden, the gravity of the world's situation has become increasingly clear. The smokescreen of misinformation that has hampered United Nations efforts in Iraq must not be permitted to jeopardize the homeland security of our nation or the stability of other parts of the world; and

Whereas, A number of Michigan citizen soldiers are engaged in the noble effort to defend our liberties. In addition to those already serving in the military, several reserve units have been called into duty. It is important to voice our support for all of them, as their courage and steadfastness in the face of war represents the highest standard of citizenship. For the families with loved ones in the military, the world's tensions take on much more intensity. Once again, we are reminded that the true cost of freedom is clearly beyond measure; and

Whereas, Unity in the face of adversity is essential for success in any grave battle. The people of this state, well aware of the high stakes of any military action, stand behind our President in his work to protect peace in our troubled world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we express support for the President's strategy for protecting the security of the United States through our efforts in Iraq and to express support for the men and women of our military and their families; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 880. An original bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to reauthorize the Act, to improve early learning opportunities and promote school preparedness, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-37).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment with a preamble:

S. Res. 117. An original resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Laborers' International Union of North America, and congratulating members and officers of the Laborers' International Union of North America for the union's many achievements.

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 538. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, and for other purposes.

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 703. A bill to designate the regional headquarters building for the National Park Service under construction in Omaha, Ne-

braska, as the "Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building".

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. H. Steven Blum.

By Mr. LUGAR for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Dennis L. Schornack, of Michigan, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Joseph LeBaron, of Oregon, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Reno L. Harnish, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Moldova.

Gregory W. Engle, of Colorado, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Togolese Republic.

Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey.

Jay T. Snyder, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

Harold C. Pachios, of Maine, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

Elizabeth F. Bagley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

Marie Sophia Aguirre, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

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Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

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Charles William Evers III, of Florida, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

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Wayne E. Neill, of Nevada, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin.

Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Ex-

traordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Lithuania.

Ralph Frank, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Croatia.

William M. Bellamy, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kenya.

Helen R. Meagher La Lime, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mozambique.

Pamela J. H. Slutz, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Mongolia.

Stephen M. Young, of New Hampshire, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kyrgyz Republic.

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Cecilia M. Altonaga, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Charles F. Lettow, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*John W. Nicholson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

*Bruce E. Kasold, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term prescribed by law.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject 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.)

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

On request by Mr. MCCONNELL and by unanimous consent, it was ordered, That the following nominations be discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Karen Johnson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Barry C. Barish, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

Delores M. Etter, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

Daniel E. Hastings, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

Douglas D. Randall, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Science Board,

National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

Jo Anne Vasquez, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

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. ALLARD:

S. 850. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand S corporation eligibility for banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. TALENT, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. KYL, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. BOND, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 851. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 852. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide limited TRICARE program eligibility for members of the Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces, to provide financial support for continuation of health insurance for mobilized members of reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 853. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate discriminatory copayment rates for outpatient psychiatric services under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 854. A bill to authorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 855. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the unrelated business income limitation on investment in certain debt-financed properties; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 856. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 857. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive to individuals teaching in elementary and secondary schools located in rural or high unemployment areas and to individuals who achieve certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 858. A bill to extend the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 859. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV and other diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 860. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to designate the oak tree as the national tree of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. REED, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. CHAFEE):

S. 861. A bill to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order to better ensure their protection from development; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 862. A bill to promote the adoption of children with special needs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself, Mr. MILLER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 863. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow soldiers to serve their country without being disadvantaged financially by Federal student aid programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 864. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to provide for grants to parents and guardians of certain military dependents, in order to assist the parent and guardians in paying for the cost of child care services provided to the dependents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 865. A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REED, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 866. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require the provision of a child safety lock in connection with the transfer of a handgun and provide safety standards for child safety locks; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 867. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wick Lane in Billings, Montana, as the "Ronald Reagan Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 868. A bill to amend the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Restoration Act to provide for the cultural restoration and economic self-sufficiency of the Confederation Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians of Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 869. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for enhanced reimbursement under the medicare program for screening and diagnostic mammography services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 870. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to extend the availability of funds to carry out the fruit and vegetable pilot program; considered and passed.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 871. A bill to provide for global pathogen surveillance and response; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 872. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for United States contributions to the International Fund for Ireland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 873. A bill to authorize funding for catalysis science and engineering research and development at the Department of Energy for fiscal years 2004 through 2009, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TALENT (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina):

S. 874. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include primary and secondary preventative medical strategies for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease as medical assistance under the medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. STABENOW, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 875. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 876. A bill to require public disclosure of noncompetitive contracting for the reconstruction of the infrastructure of Iraq, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. THOMAS, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 877. A bill to regulate interstate commerce by imposing limitations and penalties on the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail via the Internet; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 878. A bill to authorize an additional permanent judgeship in the district of Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.