

cotton, soybean, corn, and wheat farm which is located in Holmes and Humphreys Counties.

Bryan is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church in Yazoo City and he and his wife, Sara, have three children. He is an enthusiastic outdoorsman and a director of Delta Wildlife, which is a leading advocate for the enhancement of the Mississippi Delta's rich wildlife resources.

It is a great privilege for me to congratulate Bryan Jones for his many contributions to the Delta region of Mississippi and the Nation, and I look forward to working with Bryan and other Delta Council leaders in the future who share our common goal of improving the quality of life for the people of this great part of this Nation.●

#### COMMEMORATING THE 228TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

● Mr. HAGEL. Madam President, I rise today to wish the United States Army "happy birthday." It was 228 years ago tomorrow, June 14, 1775, that the Continental Army of the United States was formed. The United States Army has had a monumental impact on our country.

Millions of men and women over the past 228 years have served in the senior most branch of our military forces. The Army is woven in the culture of America.

For 228 years, the Army has protected the American values of liberty, freedom and democracy. Many people around the globe enjoy these freedoms because of the U.S. Army.

The principles of "Duty, Honor, Country" are the foundation of the U.S. Army. It is America. Every generation of Americans who have served in the U.S. Army—from the Continental Army to today's fighting men and women—have been shaped by these principles. It has molded lives in ways that are hard to explain, just as the Army has touched our national life and history and made the world more secure, prosperous, and a better place for all mankind.

On this 228th birthday of the U.S. Army, as a proud U.S. Army veteran, I say happy birthday to the Army veterans of our country. We recognize and thank those who have sacrificed and served and those whose examples inspired those of us who have had the opportunity to serve in the U.S. Army.

On this, the 228th birthday of the Army, I say "Happy Birthday" and, in the great rich tradition of the U.S. Army, I proclaim my annual Senate floor . . . "HOOAH"●

#### 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. 231. A bill to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information

clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools (Rept. No. 108-70).

S. 504. A bill to establish academics for teachers and students of American history and civics and a national alliance of teachers of American history and civics, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-71).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

#### 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. DURBIN:

S. 1259. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the minimum medicare deadlines for filing claims to take into account delay in processing adjustments from secondary payor status to primary payor status; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1260. A bill to promote the development of the commercial space transportation industry, to authorize appropriations for the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FITZGERALD):

S. 1261. A bill to reauthorize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1262. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 1263. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income interest received on loans secured by agricultural real property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1264. A bill to reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 1265. A bill to limit the applicability of the annual updates to the allowance for State and other taxes in the tables used in the Federal Needs Analysis Methodology for the award year 2004-2005, published in the Federal Register on May 30, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. REID, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1266. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Dorothy Height, in recognition of her many contributions to the Nation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 189

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 189, a bill to authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research, and for other purposes.

S. 255

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 255, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require phased increases in the fuel efficiency standards applicable to light trucks; to require fuel economy standards for automobiles up to 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight; to increase the fuel economy of the Federal fleet of vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 595, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financings to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 794

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 794, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the system for enhancing automobile fuel efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

S. 1095

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1095, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve outpatient vision services under part B of the medicare program.

S. 1227

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1227, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of substitute adult day services under the medicare program.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr.