

Navy nomination of James P. Driscoll.

By Ms. COLLINS for the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

*Joel David Kaplan, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

*Joe D. Whitley, of Georgia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

*Penrose C. Albright, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

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

*Howard Radzely, of Maryland, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

*Michael Young, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2008.

*Thomasina V. Rogers, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2009.

*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.)

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. CAMPBELL:

S. 1489. A bill to authorize the burial of Bob Hope at Arlington National Cemetery; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. MILLER, Mr. FRIST, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1490. A bill to eliminate the Federal quota and price support programs for tobacco, to provide assistance to quota holders, tobacco producers, and tobacco-dependent communities, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1491. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 1492. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 to provide special rules for Teamster plans relating to termination and funding; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 1493. A bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1494. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the special 5-year carryback of certain net operating losses to

losses for 2003, 2004, and 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1495. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the consolidation of life insurance companies with other companies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1496. A bill to provide for the expansion and coordination of activities of the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to research and programs on cancer survivorship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1497. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to revise and expand the lowest unit cost provision applicable to political campaign broadcasts, to establish commercial broadcasting station minimum airtime requirements for candidate-centered and issue-centered programming before primary and general elections, to establish a voucher system for the purchase of commercial broadcast airtime for political advertisements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1498. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Health Workforce Advisory Commission to review Federal health workforce policies and make recommendations on improving those policies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1499. A bill to adjust the boundaries of Green Mountain National Forest; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 1500. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the tax credit for holders of qualified zone academy bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (by request):

S. 1501. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for stable, productive, and efficient passenger rail service in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1502. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to make a technical correction with respect to the definition of qualifying State; to the Committee on Finance.

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By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1504. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States; read the first time.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BURNS, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1505. A bill to establish a National Passenger Rail Office, and for other purposes; 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. COLEMAN:

S. Res. 205. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued on the subject of autism awareness; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mrs. DOLE):

S. Res. 206. A resolution honoring the memory of Dr. William R. ("Bill") Bright and commending his life as an example to succeeding generations; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 52

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 52, a bill to permanently extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, and for other purposes.

S. 274

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 274, a bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.

S. 317

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 317, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and needs for work and family, and for other purposes.

S. 363

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 363, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions 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.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 451, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, to provide for a one-year open season under that plan, and for other purposes.