

only cover seventy-three per cent of promised benefits, and will decrease to sixty-eight per cent by 2078;

5. Without structural reform, future Congresses may have to raise payroll taxes fifty per cent over the next seventy-five years to pay full benefits on time, resulting in payroll tax rates of as much as 16.9 per cent by 2042 and 18.3 per cent by 2078;

6. Without structural reform, Social Security's total cash shortfall over the next seventy-five years is estimated to be more than \$25,000,000,000,000 in constant 2004 dollars or \$3,700,000,000,000 measured in present value terms; and

7. Absent structural reforms, spending on Social Security will increase from 4.3 per cent of gross domestic product in 2004 to 6.6 per cent in 2078; and

Whereas, the Congressional Budget Office, the Government Accountability Office, the Congressional Research Service, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board and the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security have all warned that failure to enact fiscally responsible Social Security reform quickly will result in one or more of the following: 1. Higher tax rates; 2. lower Social Security benefit levels; 3. increased federal debt or less spending on other federal programs;

Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring, prays:

1. That the President, the Congress and the American people, including seniors, workers, women, minorities and disabled persons, should work together at the earliest opportunity to enact legislation to achieve a solvent and permanently sustainable Social Security system.

2. That Social Security reform must:

(a) Protect current and near retirees from any changes to Social Security benefits.

(b) Reduce the pressure on future taxpayers and on other budgetary priorities.

(c) Provide benefit levels that adequately reflect individual contributions to the Social Security system.

(d) Preserve and strengthen the safety net for vulnerable populations including the disabled and survivors.

3. That the United States Congress should honor section 13301 of the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990.

4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-110. A concurrent memorial adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Arizona relative to the United States entering into the Free Trade Area of the Americas; to the Committee on Finance.

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Whereas, the United States of America has always been the world leader in pushing for free trade, which is a hallmark of our capitalistic society; and

Whereas, both the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), through the use of trade tribunals, now claim the sovereign authority to overrule decisions of American courts and make awards to foreign businesses for violations of trade agreements; and

Whereas, the United States is considering entering into a new thirty-four member Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) in 2005.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring prays:

1. That the United States Congress vote no on any agreement for the United States to enter into a Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2360. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-83).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2419. A bill making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-84).

By Mr. ROBERTS, from the Select Committee on Intelligence, without amendment:

S. 1266. An original bill to permanently authorize certain provisions of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT) Act of 2001, to reauthorize a provision of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, to clarify certain definitions in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to provide additional investigative tools necessary to protect the national security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-85).

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 491. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand the definition of firefighter to include apprentices and trainees, regardless of age or duty limitations.

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 852. A bill to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR for the Committee on Foreign Relations. \*Richard J. Griffin, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary. Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. Rachel Brand, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Attorney General. Alice S. Fisher, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

\*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 Mrs. DOLE:

S. 1254. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on nitrocellulose; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1255. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts paid on behalf of Federal employees and members of the Armed Forces on active duty under Federal student loan repayment programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 1256. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop regulations regarding the transportation of extremely hazardous materials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1257. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify that persons may bring private rights of actions against foreign states for certain terrorist acts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 1258. A bill to designate the building located at 493 Auburn Avenue, N.E., in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "John Lewis Civil Rights Institute"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1259. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the requirement for reports from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the disposition of cases recommended to the Secretary for equitable relief due to administrative error and to provide improved benefits and procedures for the transition of member of the Armed Forces from combat zones to noncombat zones and for the transition of veterans from service in the Armed Forces to civilian life; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1260. A bill to make technical corrections to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 1261. A bill to simplify access to financial aid and access to information on college costs, to provide for more learning and less reporting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. TALENT, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1262. A bill to reduce healthcare costs, improve efficiency, and improve healthcare quality through the development of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 1263. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish eligibility requirements for business concerns to receive awards under the Small Business Innovation Research Program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr.