

linguistic backgrounds and benefits from this rich diversity; and

Whereas, these individuals, while keeping their own backgrounds alive, are encouraged to take advantage of our nation's educational system that teaches the English language and American history; and

Whereas, throughout the history of the United States, the common thread binding individuals of differing backgrounds has been the English language; and

Whereas, English was established as the official language of Louisiana as a condition of statehood in 1812; and

Whereas, command of the English language is necessary to participate in and take full advantage of the opportunities afforded by American life.

Therefore, be it resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States of America to take such actions as are necessary to enact legislation establishing English as the official language of the United States.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-186. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to making permanent the increases in Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage and the Death Gratuity benefits to provide financial security of survivors of members of the Louisiana National Guard and other servicemembers who make the ultimate sacrifice with their lives while serving our country and the state of Louisiana; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to make permanent the increases in Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage and the Death Gratuity benefits to provide financial security of survivors of members of the Louisiana National Guard and other servicemembers who make the ultimate sacrifice with their lives while serving our country and the state of Louisiana.

Whereas, members of the Louisiana National Guard (LANG) have been asked to serve extended periods of active duty in combat areas and in recognition of the invaluable contributions that the members of LANG make to this country and to the state of Louisiana, members of LANG should receive assistance with their premiums for coverage under the federal Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program; and

Whereas, the 256th Infantry Brigade is not scheduled to return from Iraq until October 2006, and there is always the possibility that if any conflict arises overseas that members of LANG will be deployed in combat areas; and

Whereas, under the FY 2005 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill (H.R. 1268) of the 109th Congress adopted by both houses of congress and enrolled, members of LANG will be eligible for one hundred thousand dollars in death gratuity benefits and life insurance policies with limits up to four hundred fifty thousand dollars through the federal Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program; and

Whereas, the Secretary of Defense is authorized to pay the cost of premiums for the increased coverage under federal Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program; however, the increased coverage and authority to pay the costs of premiums terminates on September 30, 2005.

Therefore, be it resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to make permanent the increases in Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage and the Death Gratuity benefits to provide for financial security of survivors of members of the Louisiana National Guard and other servicemembers who make the ultimate sacrifice with their lives while serving our country and the state of Louisiana.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-187. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County, Florida relative to the support for \$385 Million in funding for Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA) Program for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1291. A bill to provide for the acquisition of subsurface mineral interests in land owned by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and land held in trust for the Tribe (Rept. No. 109-116).

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 518. A bill to provide for the establishment of a controlled substance monitoring program in each State (Rept. No. 109-117).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1231. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to modify provisions relating to the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education (Rept. No. 109-118).

By Mr. CHAMBLISS, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. 1566. An original bill to reauthorize the Commodity Exchange Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-119).

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1567. An original bill to reauthorize and improve surface transportation safety programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-120).

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

Report to accompany S. 288, a bill to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools (Rept. No. 109-121).

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 804. A bill to exclude from consideration as income certain payments under the national flood insurance program.

S. 1047. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of each of the Nation's past Presidents and their spouses, respectively to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, to create a new bullion coin, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

[Treaty Doc. 107-18 Inter-American Convention Against Terrorism (Exec. Rept. No. 109-3)]

TEXT OF RESOLUTION OF RATIFICATION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent Subject to Understanding.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Inter-American Convention Against Terrorism (the "Convention"), adopted at the thirty-second regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States meeting in Bridgetown, Barbados, and signed by the United States on June 3, 2002 (Treaty Doc. 107-18), subject to the understanding in Section 2.

Section 2. Understanding.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following understanding, which shall be included in the United States instrument of ratification:

The United States of America understands that the term "international humanitarian law" in paragraph 2 of Article 15 of the Convention has the same substantive meaning as the law of war.

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. BOND:

S. 1553. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance tax incentives for small property and casualty insurance companies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1554. A bill to establish an intergovernmental grant program to identify and develop homeland security information, equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services to further the homeland security of the United States and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 1555. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reform funding for the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1556. A bill to amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to increase the authorization of appropriations for grants to support the competitiveness of specialty crops, to amend the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 to improve the program of value-added agricultural product market development grants by routing funds through State departments of agriculture, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require a nationwide expansion of the adjusted gross revenue insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 1557. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a program at the National Institutes of Health to conduct and support research in the derivation and use of human pluripotent stem cells by means that do not harm human embryos, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1558. A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to protect family members of filers from disclosing sensitive information in a public filing and extend the public filing requirement for 5 years; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1559. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide taxpayers a tax check-off to designate certain annual contributions to the Armed Forces Relief Trust for an above-the-line deduction not to exceed \$1,000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1560. A bill to establish a Congressional Commission on Expanding Social Service Delivery Options; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1561. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Irish American Cultural Institute; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 1562. 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; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1563. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to protect and strengthen the safety net of children's public health coverage by extending the enhanced Federal matching rate under the State children's health insurance program to children covered by medicaid at State option and by encouraging innovations in children's enrollment and retention, to advance quality and performance in children's public health insurance programs, to provide payments for children's hospitals to reward quality and performance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SARBANES:

S. 1564. A bill to provide for the disposition of the Federal property located in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, a portion of which is currently used by the District of Columbia as the Oak Hill juvenile detention facility; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1565. A bill to restrict the use of abusive tax shelters and offshore tax havens to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 1566. An original bill to reauthorize the Commodity Exchange Act, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 1567. An original bill to reauthorize and improve surface transportation safety programs, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1568. A bill to enhance the ability of community banks to foster economic growth and serve their communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1569. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to facilitate the establishment of additional long-term care insurance partnerships between States and insurers in order to promote the use of long-term care insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1570. A bill to promote employment of individuals with severe disabilities through Federal Government contracting and procurement processes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1571. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a comprehensive program for testing and treatment of veterans for the Hepatitis C virus; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 1572. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify the application of the 100 percent Federal medical assistance percentage under the medicaid program for services provided by the Indian Health Service or an Indian tribe or tribal organization directly or through referral, contract, or other arrangement; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 1573. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the funding of collectively bargained retiree health benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 1574. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum update for physicians' services for 2006 and 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1575. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration program to increase the number of doctorally-prepared nurse faculty; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1576. A bill to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or within the Medford Irrigation District, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1577. A bill to facilitate the transfer of Spearfish Hydroelectric Plant Number 1 to the city of Spearfish, South Dakota, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1578. A bill to reauthorize the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin endangered fish recovery implementation programs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1579. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to permit the distribution and sale of certain pesticides that are registered in both the United States and another country; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. INOUE, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DODD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1580. A bill to improve the health of minority individuals to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1581. A bill to facilitate the development of science parks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1582. A bill to reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act, to facilitate the official inspection at export port locations of grain required or authorized to be inspected under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1583. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to expand the contribution base for universal service, establish a separate account within the universal service fund to support the deployment of broadband service in unserved areas of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1584. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a nonrefundable tax credit against income tax for individuals who purchase a residential safe storage device for the safe storage of firearms; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1585. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to reduce the costs of prescription drugs for enrollees of medicaid managed care organizations by extending the discounts offered under fee-for-service medicaid to such organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. REED):

S. 1586. A bill to allow all businesses to make up to 24 transfers each month from interest-bearing transaction accounts to other transaction accounts, to require the payment of interest on reserves held for depository institutions at Federal reserve banks to repeal the prohibition of interest on business accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. REED, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 1587. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permit qualifying States to use a portion of their allotments under the State children's health insurance program for any fiscal year for certain medicaid expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1588. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to clarify that the value of certain funeral and burial arrangements are not to be considered available resources under the supplemental security program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. KOHL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1589. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security to provide for reductions in the medicare part B premium through elimination of certain overpayments to Medicare Advantage organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 1590. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase participation and savings in cash or deferred plans through automatic contribution and default investment arrangements and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1591. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to the suspension of interest and certain penalties where the taxpayer is not contacted by the Internal Revenue Service within 18 months; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1592. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States to obtain reimbursement under the medicaid program for care or services required under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act that are provided in a nonpublicly owned or operated institution for mental diseases; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1593. 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 at Federally qualified health centers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 1594. A bill to require financial services providers to maintain customer information security systems and to notify customers of unauthorized access to personal information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1595. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a 3-year recovery period for depreciation of qualified energy management devices; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1596. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to require electric utilities to provide net metering service; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 1597. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi; to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1598. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a nonrefundable tax credit against income tax for individuals who purchase a residential safe storage device for the safe storage of firearms; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1599. A bill to repeal the perimeter rule for Ronald Reagan Washington National Air-

port, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1600. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure full access to digital television in areas served by low-power television, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1601. A bill to extend temporarily the duty suspension on certain semi-manufactured forms of gold; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAYH, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1602. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to disregard benefits paid under long-term care insurance for purposes of determining medical eligibility, to expand long-term care insurance partnerships between States and insurers, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, the use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs, to establish home and communitybased services as an optional medicaid benefit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 1603. A bill to establish a National Preferred Lender Program, facilitate the delivery of financial assistance to small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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

S. 1604. A bill to restore to the judiciary the power to decide all trademark and trade name cases arising under the laws and treaties of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1605. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect public safety officers, judges, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1606. A bill to establish an opt-out system for expungement of DNA profiles from the national index and to authorize collection of DNA samples from persons arrested or detained under Federal authority; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1607. A bill to amend section 10501 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude solid waste disposal from the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 1608. A bill to enhance Federal Trade Commission enforcement against illegal spam, spyware, and cross-border fraud and deception, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1609. A bill to increase the production and use of biofuels and diversify biofuel feedstock as key elements to achieving energy independence for the United States; 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. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 224. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate supporting the establishment of September as Campus Fire Safety Month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DAYTON, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 225. A resolution designating the month of November 2005 as the "Month of Global Health"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Res. 226. A resolution calling for free and fair parliamentary elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. OBAMA, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SANTORUM, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. REED):

S. Res. 227. A resolution pledging continued support for international hunger relief efforts and expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Government should use resources and diplomatic leverage to secure food aid for countries that are in need of further assistance to prevent acute and chronic hunger; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. Res. 228. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that it should be a goal of the United States to reduce the amount of oil projected to be imported in 2025 by 40 percent and that the President should take measures to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign oil; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 229. A resolution designating the month of September 2005 as "National Preparedness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HATCH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 230. A resolution designating September 2005 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. Res. 231. A resolution encouraging the Transitional National Assembly of Iraq to