

enabled to return to their jobs as quickly as possible; and

Whereas, it is also of utmost importance that the functions and operations of other significant federal entities, such as the United States Department of Agriculture's Southern Regional Research Center, the United States Marine Corps Reserve Command, the Eighth Coast District Headquarters, and the United States Army Reserve 377th Theater Army Area Command (TAACOM), are fully restored to help ensure the economic recovery of the New Orleans region; and

Whereas, as Louisiana struggles to recover and rebuild, of primary importance is the employment of its citizens, and it is therefore crucial that congress require federal jobs that have been lost or relocated due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and their associated funding to be restored as expeditiously as possible in order to bring about the revitalization of the economies of the regions affected by the storms. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to require all federal jobs that have been lost or relocated due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and their associated funding to be restored as soon as possible, and 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.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Andrew J. McKenna, Jr., of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

*Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Air Force nomination of Brigadier General Philip M. Breedlove to be Major General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Gary D. Speer to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Brig. Gen. Andrew B. Davis to be Major General.

Mr. WARNER, Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jolene A. Ainsworth and ending with David C. Zimmerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 28, 2005.

Air Force nominations beginning with Craig L. Adams and ending with Matthew C. Wyatt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 17, 2005.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jay O. Aanrud and ending with Scott C. Zippwald, which nominations were received

by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 17, 2005.

Air Force nomination of Martin E. Keillor to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Robert W. Desverreuz and ending with Chetan U. Kharod, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2005.

Air Force nomination of Julie S. Miller to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Kara A. Gormont to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Deiby Acevedo and ending with David R. Zysk, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 13, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Holtorf R. Alonso and ending with Richard M. Zygadlo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 13, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Thomas E. Ayres and ending with Peter C. Zolper, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 13, 2005.

Army nomination of Cindy R. Jebb to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Richard L. Chavez to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Samuel Casscells and ending with Slobodan Jazarevic, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Joseph J. Impallaria and ending with Arthur E. Lees, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2005.

Marine Corps nomination of Michelle A. Rakers to be Captain.

Navy nominations beginning with Tony C. Baker and ending with James J. Vopelius, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 13, 2005.

Navy nomination of Lloyd G. Lecain to be Captain.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

*Vincent J. Ventimiglia, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

*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. SANTORUM:

S. 2142. A bill to provide for the liquidation or reliquidation of certain entries of suit pants; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 2143. A bill to increase the number of students from low-income backgrounds who are enrolled in studies leading to baccalaureate degrees in science, mathematics, technology, engineering, and critical foreign languages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TALENT:

S. 2144. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2145. A bill to enhance security and protect against terrorist attacks at chemical facilities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 382

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to allow Congress, State legislatures, and regulatory agencies to determine appropriate laws, rules, and regulations to address the problems of weight gain, obesity, and health conditions associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1049

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide grants to promote innovative outreach and enrollment under the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1139

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1139, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture to regulate the pet industry.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1504, a bill to establish a market driven telecommunications marketplace, to eliminate government managed competition of existing communication service, and to provide parity between functionally equivalent services.

S. 1581

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1581, a bill to facilitate the development of science parks, and for other purposes.

S. 1620

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1620, a bill to provide the non-immigrant spouses and children of non-immigrant aliens who perished in the

September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks an opportunity to adjust their status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and for other purposes.

S. 1779

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1779, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1881

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1881, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco otherwise known as the "Granite Lady", and for other purposes.

S. 2010

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2010, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the Social Security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 2019

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2019, a bill to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2082, a bill to amend the USA PATRIOT Act to extend the sunset of certain provisions of that Act and the lone wolf provision of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to March 31, 2006.

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, *supra*.

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, *supra*.

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, *supra*.

S. 2095

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2095, a bill to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations in 2005 and 2006.

S. 2109

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2109, a bill to provide national innovation initiative.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 2143. A bill to increase the number of students from low-income backgrounds who are enrolled in studies leading to baccalaureate degrees in science, mathematics, technology, engineering, and critical foreign languages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2143

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Act".

SEC. 2. NATIONAL SMART GRANTS.

Subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a) is amended by adding after section 401 the following:

"SEC. 401A. NATIONAL SMART GRANTS.

"(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to increase the number of postsecondary students from low-income backgrounds who are enrolled in studies leading to baccalaureate degrees in physical, life, and computer sciences, mathematics, technology, engineering, and foreign languages critical to national security.

"(b) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary shall award grants, in the amount specified in subsection (e), to eligible students to assist the eligible students in paying their college education expenses.

"(c) DESIGNATION.—A grant under this section shall be known as a 'National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant' or a 'National SMART Grant'.

"(d) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE STUDENT.—In this section, the term 'eligible student' means a full-time student who, for the academic year for which the determination of eligibility is made—

"(1) is a citizen of the United States;

"(2) is eligible for a Federal Pell Grant;

"(3) is enrolled or accepted for enrollment in the third or fourth academic year of a program of undergraduate education at a 4-year degree-granting institution of higher education;

"(4) is pursuing a major in—

"(A) the physical, life, or computer sciences, mathematics, technology, or engineering (as determined by the Secretary pursuant to regulations); or

"(B) a foreign language that the Secretary, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, determines is critical to the national security of the United States; and

"(5) has obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (or the equivalent as determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary) in the coursework required for the major described in paragraph (4).

"(e) GRANT AWARD.—

"(1) AMOUNTS.—Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary shall award a grant under this section to an eligible student in the amount of \$4,000.

"(2) SPECIAL RULES.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1)—

"(A) the amount of a grant under this section, in combination with the Federal Pell Grant assistance and other student financial assistance available to the eligible student, shall not exceed the student's cost of attendance;

"(B) if the amount made available under subsection (f) for any fiscal year is less than the amount required to provide grants to all eligible students in the amounts determined under paragraph (1) (subject to subparagraph (A)), then the amount of the grant to each eligible student shall be ratably reduced; and

"(C) if additional amounts are appropriated for a fiscal year described in subparagraph (B), such reduced grant amounts shall be increased on the same basis as they were reduced.

"(3) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary shall not award a grant under this section—

"(A) to any eligible student for an academic year of a program of undergraduate education for which the student received credit before the date of enactment of the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Act; or

"(B) to any eligible student for more than 2 academic years.

"(f) FUNDING.—

"(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006 and each of the succeeding 4 fiscal years.

"(2) USE OF EXCESS FUNDS.—If, at the end of a fiscal year, the funds available for awarding grants under this section exceed the amount necessary to make such grants in the amounts authorized by subsection (e), then all of the excess funds shall remain available for awarding grants under this section during the subsequent fiscal year.

"(g) SUNSET PROVISION.—The authority to make grants under this section shall expire at the end of the academic year 2009–2010."

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2145. A bill to enhance security and protect against terrorist attacks at chemical facilities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today, along with my good friend and colleague, Senator JOE LIEBERMAN, to introduce the Chemical Facility Anti-terrorism Act of 2005.

This legislation addresses one of the Nation's greatest vulnerabilities, the threat of a terrorist attack against a chemical facility.

My legislation would provide broad new authority to the Department of Homeland Security to ensure that the Nation's chemical facilities are better protected from terrorism.

This legislation would direct the Department of Homeland Security to establish criteria for evaluating the vulnerability of our Nation's chemical facilities to terrorist attack and to establish risk-based tiers for those facilities deemed in need of protection.