Resolved by the House of Representatives of North Dakota, the Senate Concurring Therein, That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly acknowledges the actions of the 44th Legislature of the North Dakota Equal Rights Amendment to the states for ratification. That the members of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be requested to work vigorously for adequate funding to provide full medical care and aid and attendant care services for all veterans who are totally disabled because of the effects of Agent Orange used in Vietnam; and be it further
Resolved, That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly declares Friday, March 9, 2007, North Dakota Equal Rights Amendment Recognition Day; and be it further
Resolved, That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly encourages a recommitment to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in all states and final passage in Congress; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

POM-59. A joint resolution adopted by the Congress of the United States to provide that the amendment to the Equal Rights Amendment shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex and the amendment is considered to be totally disabled as a result of their birth parents’ exposure to Agent Orange during military service in Vietnam, and in a situation that is indistinguishable from that of any one hundred percent service-connected disabled veteran who is totally disabled as the result of military service; and
Whereas, three hundred and six thousand two hundred children served in Vietnam; and
Whereas, the United States Constitution guarantees equal protection of the law to all persons; and
Whereas, the financial cost for families of these children can be crippling, and many American military veterans and their families must depend on welfare or charity to provide the vital medical care and attendant care their children need; and
Whereas, the amendment to the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution to all citizens of the United States, and to each member of the Congress of the States, and final passage in Congress; and be it further
Resolved, That the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute: Whereas, on February 11, 1975, North Dakota became the 34th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, due to the efforts of the Coordinating Council for the Equal Rights Amendment; and be it further
Resolved, That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly, the Chief Clerks of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

POM-60. A resolution adopted by the Maryland County Board of County Commissioners directing the County Manager to study the creation of a voluntary “Miami-Dade Trans Fat Free Program” and to provide businesses located in restaurants, bakeries and the public regarding the negative health effects of trans fats; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

POM-61. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Armstrong of the State of Pennsylvania urging Congress to place a moratorium on new free trade agreements, and to investigate and review current free trade agreements and policies of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
Under the authority of the order of the Senate of April 12, 2007, the following reports of committees were submitted on April 13, 2007:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:
S. 3. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

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. BAYH:
S. 1109. A bill to increase funding for the National Institutes of Health to carry out breast cancer research and to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend for 6 months the eligibility period for the “extension” to Medicare reimbursement and to eliminate coinsurance for screening mammography and colorectal cancer screening tests in order to promote the early detection of cancer; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):
S. 1110. A bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:
S. 1111. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the Federal income tax system simpler, fairer, and more fiscally responsible, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. PEINSSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):
S. 1112. A bill to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):
S. 113. A bill to facilitate the provision of care and services for members of the Armed Forces for traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 114. A bill to reiterate the exclusivity of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 as the sole authority to permit the conduct of electronic surveillance, to modernize surveillance authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. MURkowski, and Mr. CRAIO):

S. 115. A bill to promote the efficient use of oil, natural gas, and electricity, reduce oil consumption, and heighten energy efficiency standards for consumer products and industrial equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 116. A bill to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 117. A bill to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CRAIO):

S. 118. A bill to improve the energy security of the United States by raising average fuel economy standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 119. A bill to extend the time for filing certain claims under the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. WEBB, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWN-BRINTNAG, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CHAMPO, Mr. DEMPSTY, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSKO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBuchar, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LUDENTBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTTO, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MUKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PLOYR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOW, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUINUN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VONNOCHI, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 149. A resolution expressing the condolences of the Senate on the tragic events at Virginia Tech University; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational benefits for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 117

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senators from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 433

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 433, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 545

At the request of Mr. LOTTO, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 631

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 631, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 689, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury.