SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (for action), as indicated:

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. Res. 154. A resolution demanding the return of the USS Pueblo to the United States Navy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 155. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on efforts to control violence and strengthen the rule of law in Guatemala; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. Res. 156. A resolution commending the achievements of the Rutgers University women’s basketball team and applauding the character and integrity of the players as student-athletes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURRI, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARTER, Mr. CASHEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COPPER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CHAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLFI, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENNISIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PHRY, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. S. BAYH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELEY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPERTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNCUN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. TRUDE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 157. A resolution extending the best wishes of the Senate to New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine and expressing the Senate’s hope for his speedy and complete recovery; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLFI, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SPERTER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Res. 158. A resolution designating April 20, 2007, as “National and Global Youth Service Day”; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 159. A resolution commending the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting on its 50th anniversary; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. PHRY):

S. Res. 160. A resolution recognizing the importance of Hot Springs National Park on the 175th anniversary of the enactment of the Act that authorized the establishment of Hot Springs Reservation; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 161. A resolution honoring the life of Oliver White Hill, a pioneer in the field of American civil rights law, on the occasion of his 100th birthday; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Con. Res. 28. A concurrent resolution congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COPONSORS

S. 3

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 67

At the request of Mr. INOEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 67, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 291, a bill to authorize the Twenty-six Memorial Health Care Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 378

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senators from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) were added as cosponsors of S. 378, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to bring the FBI to full strength to carry out its mission.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PHRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 551

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 551, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to certain agriculture-related businesses for the cost of protecting certain chemicals.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 600, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the School-Based Health Clinic program, and for other purposes.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Tennessee
At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOYD), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BENHAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1060, a bill to establish a congressional commemorative medal for organ donors and their families.

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At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1062, a bill to establish a congressional commemorative medal for organ donors and their families.

S. 1062

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1087, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes.

S. 1087

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a resolution calling on the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to

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human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) were added as co-sponsors of S. Res. 134, a resolution designating September 2007 as “Adopt a School Library Month.”

STATISTICS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 1138. A bill to enhance nuclear safeguards and to provide assurances of nuclear fuel supply to countries that forgo certain fuel cycle activities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague from Indiana, Senator BAYH, to introduce the Nuclear Safeguards and Supply Act of 2007.

The future of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the larger non-proliferation system it supports is in doubt. The existing safeguards regime used by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has succeeded in forestalling nuclear weapons programs in the world’s advanced industrial states, several of which were weighing the nuclear option 40 years ago. Unfortunately, this regime has failed to keep pace with the increase in the global availability of nuclear weapons technology, especially the technology and equipment for uranium enrichment and spent nuclear reactor fuel reprocessing, which can produce fissile material for weapons. Now the road to nuclear weapons can be traveled by determined countries with only a minimal industrial base. While the number of recognized nuclear weapon states has not dramatically increased over the years, the danger of proliferation has become all too apparent as demonstrated by the A.Q. Khan network, the Iranian, North Korean, and Libyan examples.

The construction of facilities for the enrichment of uranium and reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel in new states, even for ostensibly peaceful purposes, poses an unacceptable long-term risk to the national security of the United States. The enrichment technology intended to produce fuel for reactors can also be used to create highly-enriched uranium for a nuclear weapon, and the plutonium that is produced from reprocessing spent fuel is also suitable for nuclear weapons and susceptible to diversion to terrorists. The spread of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities will dangerously increase the chances that new nations will develop nuclear weapons and that terrorists might obtain fissile or radiological materials for crude devices. It is therefore incumbent upon the United States to lead an international effort to halt the expansion of enrichment and reprocessing to new countries.

We know President Bush shares our assessment of this situation. On February 11, 2004, he stated, “The world’s leading nuclear exporters should ensure that states have reliable access at reasonable cost to fuel for civilian reactor activities. They should not enable states to use civil facilities for enrichment and reprocessing. Enrichment and reprocessing are not necessary for nations seeking to harness nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.”

The threats posed by new nuclear fuel cycle facilities in new states are made worse by the fact that the use of nuclear power is likely to increase, both in developed and developing countries. As energy costs have soared in recent years, many states are reexamining nuclear power as a potential source of electricity. Importantly, however, the expansion of nuclear power does not require—either technically or economically—the construction of enrichment or reprocessing facilities in countries that do not currently have them.

Senator BAYH and I believe the United States should adopt as a basic nonproliferation principle that countries who give up their own enrichment and reprocessing programs have an assurance, either multilateral or both, of nuclear reactor fuel at reasonable prices. Today, the market provides the basic framework for commerce in and access to nuclear fuel, and should not be interrupted by government mandates. The exchange of nuclear fuel and fuel services for enrichment and reprocessing capabilities is not currently explicit. This would also require that states agreeing to accept fuel services and leasing of fuel, in return for giving up joining the group of states possessing reprocessing and enrichment capabilities, would also consent to wide access and close monitoring of their nuclear energy activities, exceeding the requirements of the Additional Protocol (AP). The safeguards efforts in this area should also move forward in the [Nuclear Suppliers Group, where various nations have advocated a criteria-based approach to nuclear fuel supply.

Unfortunately, as the world looks to increase the number of civilian nuclear power plants, the IAEA, charged with ensuring that energy programs do not stray into weapons efforts through the verification of safeguards agreements, is the result of many efforts to improve a nuclear infrastructure. This situation threatens the institution, and to some degree the nuclear stability that the IAEA’s safeguards verification mandate supports. The IAEA is responsible for verifying that states do not violate their obligations under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT).

The IAEA monitors states’ nuclear programs through safeguards agreements and additional protocols to ensure that nuclear material, equipment, and technology are used for declared, peaceful purposes.

Last November, I visited the IAEA and its Safeguards Analytical Laboratory (SAL), located just outside Vienna, Austria. Samples collected by IAEA inspectors during inspections are brought to the SAL to verify that safeguards obligations are being met and that there are no undeclared materials or activities. Unfortunately, the laboratory’s aging equipment and dangerous working conditions will hamper the important work done there, particularly as more samples arrive there and as more states expand their nuclear infrastructures. The current situation could, in the future, shut down a critical nonproliferation facility. The IAEA’s nuclear materials analysis capability is vulnerable to a single point of failure given the situation at SAL. Laboratory staff is also severely limited in the time they can spend analyzing evidence in the “hot” or nuclear part of SAL because of the dilapidated air purification system in one part of the laboratory. Equally disturbing, SAL is still using equipment manufactured in the 1970’s, and is supposed to be the world’s nuclear watchdog, the least we can do is to provide the people who work there with appropriate and effective tools to do their job.

In the absence of refurbishment of SAL or the construction of a new IAEA facility with modern equipment, President Ronald Reagan’s charge “trust but verify” will be abandoned because we have not taken action to help the agency discover the inconsistencies in Iran’s cover-up of its nuclear weapons program. The analysis and questioning by inspectors prompted stonewalling by Tehran. The Iranian failure to provide information and access led the IAEA Board of Governors to refer the matter to the United Nations Security Council. While I wish this might have happened more quickly, the fact is that SAL, the network of laboratories in other Member States, and IAEA inspectors provided the evidence necessary to build consensus on Iranian violations.

The Lugar-Bayh legislation works to create both bilateral and multilateral assurances of nuclear fuel supply by specifically authorizing the President to pursue such mechanisms. Importantly, our legislation takes note of the fact that merely ensuring fuel supply is not enough to truly deal with the potential proliferation that could arise due to an array of factors being built around the world. Proliferation of fuel cycle technologies may continue, regardless of the ability of our Nation and others to craft layers of assurance in fuel supply. Our bill makes an important point—that fuel supply for new nuclear power is as important as the safeguards applied to nuclear power.

The Lugar-Bayh legislation makes it the policy of the United States to discourage the development of enrichment and reprocessing capabilities in additional countries, and to encourage the creation of bilateral and multilateral assurances of nuclear fuel supply,