WINNING THE MASTERS
ZACH JOHNSON’S TRIUMPH

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, recently, in a management display of talent, Zach Johnson, a well-furnished Iowa boy, won the Master’s Golf Tournament in Augusta, GA. The new Master’s champ had this to say: “I’m Zach Johnson and I’m from Cedar Rapids, and I’m a normal guy.” Well, Zach Johnson may be a normal guy. But he clearly has an extraordinary ability to play the game of golf.

You might say that Zach Johnson is an overnight success that was a lifetime in the making. His golfing career has progressed steadily from his childhood on courses in Cedar Rapids, to college play at Drake University in Des Moines, followed by professional play in the Johnnie Cup Golf Tour, the Nationwide Tour, the PGA Tour, the U.S. Ryder Cup team, and, now, champion of Master’s.

Obviously, there are many qualities that contributed to his challenging tournament against the world’s top players. It takes talent and skill. But it also takes intelligence and character. Zach Johnson is abundantly endowed in all of these departments.

Of course, Iowans are ecstatic about Zach’s victory. And more than one Iowan has noted that his performance reflected the values we hold dear in the Hawkeye State. He was persistent and relentless. He didn’t go for a flashy style of play; it was just steady-as-she-goes, day after day, tee after tee. He refused to yield. He met every challenge. Oh, and his strong putting skills didn’t hurt, either.

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MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 137. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

H.R. 727. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes.

H.R. 733. An act to redesignate the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Clifford Davis and Odell Norton Federal Building.”

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. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SCHUMER):
S. 1176. A bill to require enhanced disclosure to consumers regarding the consequences of making only minimum required payments in the repayment of credit card debt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. GREGG, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, as managers of the bill, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. COLLINS):
S. 1177. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INOUYE (for himself, Mr. STEPHENS, Mr. PAYOR, and Mr. SMITH):
S. 1178. A bill to strengthen data protection and safeguards, require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY:
S. 1179. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the financing for Superfund for purposes of cleanup activities with respect to those Superfund sites for which removal and response action is estimated to cost more than $50,000,000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:
S. 1180. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the placed-in-service date requirement for low-income housing credit buildings in the Gulf Opportunity Zone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA:
S. 1181. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY):
S. 1182. A bill to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations for the period covered by the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):
S. Res. 162. A resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. AXELANDER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):
S. Res. 163. A resolution designating the third week of April 2007 as “National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week”; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DODD, Mr. BURR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORKER, Ms. MURRAY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CONRAD, and Mrs. LINCOLN):
S. Res. 164. A resolution designating the week beginning April 22, 2007, as “Week of the Young Child”; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women’s health care.