Whereas, the Federal Government has never contributed more than a fraction of the national average per-pupil expenditure to assist with the excess expenses of educating children with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and

Whereas, this failure of the Federal Government to commit to assist with the excess expenses of educating a child with a disability contradicts the goal of ensuring that children with disabilities receive a high quality education; and

Whereas, the imposition of unfunded mandates by the Federal Government on state governments interferes with the separation of powers between the 2 levels of government and the ability of each state to determine the issues and concerns of that state and what resources should be directed to address these issues and concerns; and

Whereas, the Federal Government recognized the inequalities of unfunded mandates on state governments when it passed the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995; and

Whereas, since the passage of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, however, the Federal Government continues to impose unfunded mandates on state governments including in areas such as special education requirement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States either provide 90 percent of the cost of meeting the costs of compliance with the requirements of the Federal Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative Act in 2005. This legislation requires the states to dramatically redesign their respective driver’s licenses, digital photos, proof of legal status, and centralized database capabilities with the Michigan Secretary of State, the United States House Homeland Security Committee, and the United States House International Relations Committee; the members of the Michigan congressional delegation; and the Michigan Secretary of State.

POM-74. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County in the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to provide information to 11- and 12-year-old girls and their parents about the Human Papillomavirus, the vaccine against HPV, and Cervical Cancer that results from HPV; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-75. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County in the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to provide for creation of the Magic City Children’s Zone Pilot Project; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
The following reports of committees were submitted:
By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:
S. Res. 116. A resolution designating May 2007 as “National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research.

S. Res. 125. A resolution designating May 8, 2007, as “Endangered Species Day”, and
encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation.

S. Res. 146. A resolution designating June 20, 2007, as “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.

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.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services:

Air Force nomination of Colonel Travis D. Balch, 3742, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Stephen L. Jones, 5563, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Thomas J. Maselli, 8449, to be Brigadier General.


Army nomination of Brig. Gen. William C. Kirkland, 4541, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Gregory E. Couch, 8914, to be Brigadier General.

Navy nomination of Rear. Adm. Jeffrey L. Fowler, 7245, to be Vice Admiral.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, 8511, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nominations beginning with Brigadier General Mari K. Eder and ending with Colonel James T. Walton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 22, 2007.


Navy nomination of Rear. Adm. Harold D. Starling II, 4248, to be Vice Admiral.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, Jr., 9468, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nominations beginning with Mark J. MacCarley, 2185, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Daniel J. Nelson, 2833, to be Rear Adm., 9478, to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nomination of Capt. Michael A. Giorgone, 3106, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting 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 Thomas M. Angelo and ending with Daniel S. Zuill, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 19, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Thomas I. Anderson and ending with Mussaret A. Zuberi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 26, 2007.

Air Force nomination of David J. Carrell, 8142, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of James W. Wolf, 6912, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Craig L. Allen, 9894, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brian L. Evans and ending with Duncan D. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 29, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Robert W. Benge and ending with Brent S. Miller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 29, 2007.

Air Force nomination of Noana Issargrill, 4686, to be Major.

Army nomination of Melissa W. Jones, 9625, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with James F. Beck and ending with Kevin S. Mckierman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 22, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Daniel L. Hurst and ending with George T. Talbot, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 29, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Franklin M. Crane and ending with Gary T. Kirchoff, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 11, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Mark W. Crompton and ending with D060939, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 11, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Thomas Brooks and ending with Deborah C. Warren, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 11, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Damon T. Arnold and ending with Gijsbertus F. Vanstaveren, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 11, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Aaron D. Abdullah and ending with Scott W. Zimmermar, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 11, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Kirk O. Austin and ending with Lee W. Smithson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 16, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Craig E. Bennett and ending with Darlene M. Shealy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 16, 2007.

Marine Corps nominations of Charles E. Parham, Jr., 7703, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Education and Training, including with Joseph J. Zarba, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 22, 2007.

Marine Corps nominations of Jason K. Fortig, 7050, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Michael J. Colburn, 2511, to be Colonel.

Navy nomination of Brian D. Petersen, 1675, to be Commanding Officer.

Navy nomination of Stanley R. Richardson, 8043, to be Captain.

Navy nominations beginning with Benjamin Amudr and ending with David M. Zielinski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 10, 2007.

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting 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.

Coast Guard nominations beginning with Kirsten R. Martin and ending with Richard V. Timme, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 22, 2007.

Coast Guard nominations beginning with Brooke E. Grant and ending with Maria A. Ruttig, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 10, 2007.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary:

Nominations with 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. DODD:

S. 1204. A bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with shaken baby syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1205. A bill to require a pilot program on assisting veterans service organizations and other veterans groups in developing and promoting peer support programs that facilitate community reintegration and return to civilian life; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. LANDRIEU):


By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1207. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the energy efficient commercial buildings deduction; to the Committee on Finance.