At the request of Mr. Baucus, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. Bunning) was added as a cosponsor of S. 940, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. Mikulski, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. Schumer) was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1145

At the request of Mr. Leahy, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. Salazar) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1145, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

S. 1150

At the request of Mr. Hatch, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. Roberts) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to enhance the State inspection of meat and poultry in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1161

At the request of Mr. Bingaman, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Bitter) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1161, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the expansion of Medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

S. 1175

At the request of Mrs. Feinstein, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Menendez) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1316, a bill to establish and clarify that Congress does not authorize persons convicted of dangerous crimes in foreign courts to freely possess firearms in the United States.

S. 1345

At the request of Mrs. Feinstein, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Menendez) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1345, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1375

At the request of Mrs. Feinstein, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Menendez) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to prevent firearms in the United States.

S. 1844

At the request of Mr. Conrad, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Bingaman) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. Chambliss) were added as cosponsors of S. 1844, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1941

At the request of Mr. Lautenberg, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. Whitehouse) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1941, a bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism.

S. Res. 292

At the request of Mr. Thune, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 292, a resolution designating the week beginning September 9, 2007, as “National Assisted Living Week”.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. Leahy, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:
S. 1692. A bill to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. Murray (for herself and Ms. Cantwell):
S. 2032. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a competitive grant program for the Puget Sound area to provide comprehensive conservation planning to address water quality; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mrs. Murray. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD. There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:
S. 2032

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 “Puget Sound Watershed Comprehensive Conservation Project Act of 2007”.

SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION PLANNING FOR PUGET SOUND AREA.

(a) Grant Program.—

(1) In general.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall carry out a competitive grant program for the Puget Sound area to provide comprehensive conservation planning to address water quality.

(2) Cooperative Agreements.—The Secretary shall enter into cooperative agreements with States and local governments, Indian tribes, or Indian entities, and with any other entity with a history of working with agricultural producers to carry out projects under the program.

(b) Assistance.—In carrying out the program, the Secretary may—

(1) provide project demonstration grants and technical assistance and carry out information and education programs to improve water quality in the Puget Sound area by reducing soil erosion and improving sediment control; and

(2) provide a priority for projects and activities that directly reduce soil erosion or improve water quality.

(c) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary $5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to carry out the program.


Ms. Landrieu (for herself and Mr. Vitter) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. Res. 310

Whereas the Marquis de Lafayette was born on September 17, 1757, and occupies an important place in the history of the United States;

Whereas Lafayette demonstrated considerable military skill, valor, and dedication as he fought alongside American revolutionary fighters during their struggle for independence, and was voted by Congress the rank and commission of major general in the Continental Army;

Whereas Lafayette’s military service was invaluable to General George Washington during many Revolutionary War battles, earning him his reputation as “the soldier’s friend”;

Whereas Lafayette’s leadership and military ingenuity during the Battle of Yorktown, Virginia, led to the defeat of British General Lord Charles Cornwallis and subsequently the successful end to the American Revolutionary War;

Whereas Lafayette’s advocacy in France on behalf of the United States fostered positive diplomatic relations and allowed for the Louisiana Purchase;

Whereas Lafayette’s status as a native French speaker, in combination with his dedication to democracy in America, prompted Thomas Jefferson to request that the Marquis serve as the Governor of Louisiana;

Whereas Lafayette symbolizes the assistance America received from Europe during the struggle for independence;

Whereas United States aid to France during the World Wars of 1917-1918 and 1941-1945 stemmed in part from shared values of democracy and freedom, which Lafayette strongly supported;

Whereas the friendship between the people of the United States and France has not diminished;

Whereas continued relationships between the United States and France are important to the success of our global partnerships;

Whereas the town of Vermilionville, Louisiana, was renamed Lafayette in 1884 in honor of the Marquis de Lafayette; and

Whereas the city of Lafayette, Louisiana, in the heart of the Acadiana region, exhibits a rich French heritage; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the Marquis de Lafayette on the 250th anniversary of his birth; and

(2) commends the city of Lafayette, Louisiana, for engaging in a year-long celebration of this anniversary.

SENATE RESOLUTION 311—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Ms. Stabenow (for herself, Mrs. Dole, Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Menendez,