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Marine Corps nominations beginning with Kevin J. Anderson and ending with Edward P. Wojnarowski, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

Navy nomination of Steven J. Shauberg, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Karen M. Stokes, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Craig W. Aimone and ending with Matthew M. Wills, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2009.

(Nominations without 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. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 330. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 331. A bill to increase the number of Federal law enforcement officials investigating and prosecuting financial fraud; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 332. A bill to establish a comprehensive interagency response to reduce lung cancer mortality in a timely manner; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 333. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an above-the-line deduction against individual income tax for interest on indebtedness and for State sales and excise taxes with respect to the purchase of certain motor vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 334. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Moldova; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 335. A bill to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to repeal a fee imposed by States on certain child support collections; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 336. An original bill making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 22. A resolution recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 23. A resolution honoring the life of Andrew Wyeth; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 66

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 66, 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. 85

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions.

S. 96

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 96, a bill to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 133

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 133, a bill to prohibit any recipient of emergency Federal economic assistance from using such funds for lobbying expenditures or political contributions, to improve transparency, enhance accountability, encourage responsible corporate governance, and for other purposes.

S. 213

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 213, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure air passengers have access to necessary services while on a grounded air carrier, and for other purposes.

S. 256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 256, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 271

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 271, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to accelerate

the production and adoption of plug-in electric vehicles and related component parts.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 298, a bill to establish a Financial Markets Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program through fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 328

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 328, a bill to postpone the DTV transition date.

S. RES. 9

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 9, a resolution commemorating 90 years of U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations, during which Poland has proven to be an exceptionally strong partner to the United States in advancing freedom around the world.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 330. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, in the 6 years since Congress passed the Medicare Modernization Act, life for seniors has become increasingly difficult. The majority of seniors live on a fixed income, but face the challenge of paying more with less as the costs for everything continue to rise. Housing costs, basic nutrition, and healthcare needs are more expensive.

The addition of a prescription drug benefit to Medicare was long overdue, and many senior citizens and people with disabilities are relieved to finally have drug coverage. But the drug benefit was not structured like the rest of Medicare. For all other Medicare benefits, seniors can choose whether to receive benefits directly through Medicare or through a private insurance plan. The overwhelming majority choose the Medicare-run option for their hospital and physician coverage.