

EC-2331. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Useful Life Facility Determination (0572-AB80)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2332. A communication from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for Rice Inspection Services (0580-AA82)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2333. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indoxacard; Time Limited Pesticide Tolerance (7307-6)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2334. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the launching the Physician Group Practice (PGP) demonstration; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2335. A communication from the Chairman, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Twenty-Seventh Annual Report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for fiscal year 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2336. A communication from the Director, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Locality-based Comparability Payments (3206-AJ62)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2337. A communication from the Director, Regulations, Policy and Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cold, Cough, Allergy, Bronchodilator, and Antiasthmatic Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Monograph for Combination Products; CORRECTION (0910-AA01)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2338. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2339. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Mineral Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Document Incorporated by Reference for Fixed Platforms (1010-AD03)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 1050. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-46).

S. 1047. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1048. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military construction, and for other purposes.

S. 1049. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 1054. An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.

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. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1044. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to prohibit the use of certain anti-competitive forward contracts; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1045. A bill to strengthen United States capabilities to safely and securely dispose of all greater-than-Class C low-level radioactive waste; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1046. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to preserve localism, to foster and promote the diversity of television programming, to foster and promote competition, and to prevent excessive concentration of ownership of the nation's television broadcast stations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1047. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1048. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military construction, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1049. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1050. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1051. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a demonstration pro-

gram to assess potential water savings through control of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 1052. A bill to ensure that recipients of unsolicited bulk commercial electronic mail can identify the sender of such electronic mail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ENZI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. GREGG):

S. 1053. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 1054. An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1055. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide physicians and other health care professionals with a tax credit for qualified expenditures for medical professional malpractice insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 142. A resolution relative to the death of Russell B. Long, former United States Senator for the State of Louisiana; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 238

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, a bill to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes, to provide for training and technical assistance to Native Americans who are interested in commercial vehicle driving careers, and for other purposes.

S. 285

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr.

INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 285, a bill to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, and for other purposes.

S. 465

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 465, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand medicare coverage of certain self-injected biologicals.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 491, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 575

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 575, a bill to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide for the support of Native American language survival schools, and for other purposes.

S. 590

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for equitable reimbursement rates under the medicare program to Medicare+Choice organizations.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the investment of foreign earnings within the United States for productive business investments and job creation.

S. 651

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 651, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, and for other purposes.

S. 661

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 724

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 724, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain rocket propellants from prohibitions under that title on explosive materials.

S. 725

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 725, a bill to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to provide from the Highway Trust Fund additional funding for Indian reservation roads, and for other purposes.

S. 741

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 741, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 746

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to prevent and respond to terrorism and crime at or through ports.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to amend the impact aid program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve the delivery of payments under the program to local educational agencies.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to support certain housing proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for the Federal Government, including the downpayment assistance initiative under the HOME Investment Partnership Act, and for other purposes.

S. 818

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 818, a bill to ensure the independence and nonpartisan operation of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to create a 3-year pilot program that makes small, non-profit child care businesses eligible for SBA 504 loans.

S. 847

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide medicare coverage for low income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 852

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 852, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide limited

TRICARE program eligibility for members of the Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces, to provide financial support for continuation of health insurance for mobilized members of reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 874

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 874, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include primary and secondary preventative medical strategies for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease as medical assistance under the medicaid program, and for other purposes.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) were added as cosponsors of S. 875, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 887

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. AL-EXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 887, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply an excise tax to excessive attorneys fees for legal judgements, settlements, or agreements that operate as a tax.

S. 899

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 899, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore the full market basket percentage increase applied to payments to hospitals for inpatient hospital services furnished to medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 960

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain projects in the State of Hawaii and to amend the Hawaii Water Resources Act of 2000 to modify the water resources study.

S. 982

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil, and hold Syria accountable for its role in

the Middle East, and for other purposes.

S. 990

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 990, a bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under the National Guard Challenge Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1000

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1000, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the age and service requirements for eligibility to receive retired pay for non-regular service; to provide TRICARE eligibility for members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve and their families; to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax with respect to employees who participate in the military reserve components and to allow a comparable credit for participating reserve component self-employed individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1003

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1015, a bill to authorize grants through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for mosquito control programs to prevent mosquito-borne diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 1019

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence.

S. RES. 133

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 133, a resolution condemning bigotry and violence against Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, South-Asian Americans, and Sikh Americans.

AMENDMENT NO. 539

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 539 proposed to S. 14, a bill to enhance the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS—MAY 8, 2003

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1032. A bill to provide for alternative transportation in certain federally owned or managed areas that are open to the general public; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

STATEMENT ON THE TRANSIT IN
PARKS ACT

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation similar to measures I have introduced in previous Congresses that will help protect our Nation's natural resources and improve the visitor experience in our national parks and other public lands. The Transit in Parks Act, or "TRIP," establishes a new Federal transit grant initiative to support the development of alternative transportation services for our national parks, wildlife refuges, Federal recreational areas, and other public lands. I am pleased to be joined by Senators AKAKA, ALEXANDER, BAUCUS, CORZINE, DODD, GRAHAM, KENNEDY, LAUTENBERG, LEVIN, REID, SCHUMER, STABENOW, and WYDEN, who are cosponsors of this legislation.

I want to underscore again today some of the principal arguments I have made in past years as to why this legislation is urgently needed. Memorial Day weekend, the opening of the summer travel season, is just weeks away. Millions of visitors will soon head to our national parks to enjoy the incredible natural heritage with which our Nation was endowed. But too many of them will spend hours looking for parking, or staring at the bumper of the car in front of them.

Clearly, the world has changed significantly since the national parks first opened in the second half of the nineteenth century, when visitors arrived by stagecoach along dirt roads. At that time, travel through parklands, such as Yosemite or Yellowstone, was long, difficult, and costly. Not many people could afford or endure such a trip. The introduction of the automobile gave every American greater mobility and freedom, which included the freedom to travel and see some of our Nation's great natural wonders. Early in this century, landscape architects from the National Park Service and highway engineers from the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads collaborated to produce many feats of road engineering that opened the national park lands to millions of Americans.

Yet greater mobility and easier access now threaten the very environ-

ments that the National Park Service is mandated to protect. The ongoing tension between preservation and access has always been a challenge for our national park system. Today, record numbers of visitors and cars have resulted in increasing damage to our parks. The Grand Canyon alone has almost five million visitors a year. As many as 6,000 vehicles arrive in a single summer day. They compete for 2,400 parking spaces. Between 32,000 and 35,000 tour buses go to the park each year. During the peak summer season, the entrance route becomes a giant parking lot.

In 1975, the total number of visitors to America's national parks was 190 million. By 2002, that number had risen to 277 million annual visitors—almost equal to one visit by every man, woman, and child in this country. This dramatic increase in visitation has created an overwhelming demand on these areas, resulting in severe traffic congestion, visitor restrictions, and in some instances vacationers being shut out of the parks altogether. The environmental damage at the Grand Canyon is visible at many other parks: Yosemite, which has more than four million visitors a year; Yellowstone, which has more than three million visitors a year and experiences such severe traffic congestion that access has to be restricted; Zion; Acadia; Bryce; and many others. We need to solve these problems now or risk permanent harm to our Nation's natural, cultural, and historical heritage.

Visitor access to the parks is vital not only to the parks themselves, but to the economic health of their gateway communities. For example, visitors to Yosemite infuse \$3 billion a year into the local economy of the surrounding area. At Yellowstone, tourists spend \$725 million annually in adjacent communities. Wildlife-related tourism generates an estimated \$60 billion a year nationwide. If the parks are forced to close their gates to visitors due to congestion, the economic vitality of the surrounding region would be jeopardized.

The challenge for park management has always been twofold: to conserve and protect the nation's natural, historical, and cultural resources, while at the same time ensuring visitor access and enjoyment of these sensitive environments. Until now, the principal transportation systems that the Federal government has developed to provide access into our national parks are roads, primarily for private automobile access. The TRIP legislation recognizes that we need to do more than simply build roads; we must invest in alternative transportation solutions before our national parks are damaged beyond repair.

In developing solutions to the parks' transportation needs, this legislation builds upon the 1997 Memorandum of Understanding between Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater and Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, in