EC-3785. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Greesly Revised Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Demonstration for the Roanoke Metropolitan Area” (FRL No. 7964–7) received August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3786. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Tennessee and Georgia; Attainment Demonstrations for the Chattanooga, Nashville, and Tri-Cities Early Action Compact Area” (FRL No. 7956–8) received August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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. DAYTON:
S. 132. A bill to prevent gas and oil gushing during natural disasters; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CORNYN:
S. 1720. A bill to provide enhanced penalties for crimes committed using funds appropriated for remediation of any injury or damage caused by Hurricane Katrina; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. CRAFERR, Mr. GHASSELS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. GRAM, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. D EWINE, and Mr. CORZINE):
S. 1721. A bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DURBAN, Mr. DOND, and Mrs. MURRAY):
S. 1722. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome prevention and screening program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS:
S. 1723. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to establish a grant program to ensure waterfront access for commercial fishermen, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. TALENT):
S. 1724. A bill to provide assistance for small businesses damaged by Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. MCCAIN):
S. 1725. A bill to strengthen Federal leadership, provide grants, enhance outreach and guidance, and provide other support to State and local officials to enhance emergency communications capabilities, to achieve communications interoperability, to foster improved regional collaboration and coordination, and to ensure efficient utilization of funding devoted to public safety communications, to promote research and development by both the public and private sectors for first responder communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. BUTCHER, Mr. CLEARY, Mr. DURBAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. ROY, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. STEWART, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. WURTS):
(Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 508

At the request of Mr. DeWine, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. ONAYA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 508, a bill to provide for the environmental restoration of the Great Lakes.

S. 508

At the request of Mr. Burns, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAP) was added as a cosponsor of S. 508, a bill to provide for the environmental restoration of the Great Lakes.

S. 508

At the request of Mr. DeWine, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to provide supportive services in permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Ms. Snowe, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERRMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 769, a bill to enhance compliance assistance for small businesses.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. Levin, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 770, a bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

S. 770

At the request of Mr. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use.

S. 1139

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DeWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1139, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen the ability of State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 1139

At the request of Mr. Specter, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. Nelson of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1272, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. Kennedy, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Lautenberg) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1286, a bill to require States to report data on medicaid beneficiaries who are employed.

S. 1286

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. Enzi) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1313, a bill to protect homes, small businesses, and other private property rights, by limiting the power of eminent domain.

S. 1313

At the request of Mr. Specter, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Corzine) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1350, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to protect the privacy rights of subscribers to wireless communications services.

S. 1350

At the request of Mr. Smith, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1360, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to designated plan beneficiaries of employers, and for other purposes.

S. 1360

At the request of Mr. Enzi, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

S. 1512

At the request of Ms. Mikuls, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1513, a bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes.

S. 1513

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Lautenberg) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1614, a bill to establish the Federal Emergency Management Agency as an independent agency, and for other purposes.

S. 1614

At the request of Mrs. Clinton, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish a congressional commission to examine the Federal, State, and local response to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Region of the United States especially in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and other areas impacted in the aftermath and make immediate corrective measures to improve such responses in the future.

S. 1622

At the request of Mrs. Boxer, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1644, a bill to promote the employment of workers displaced by Hurricane Katrina in connection with Hurricane Katrina reconstruction efforts.

S. 1644

At the request of Mr. Feingold, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1647, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide relief to victims of Hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters.

S. 1647

At the request of Mr. Coburn, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1700, a bill to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer, and for other purposes.

S. 1700

At the request of Mr. Grassley, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. Pryor), and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1716, a bill to provide emergency health care relief for survivors of Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes.

S. 1716

At the request of Mr. Coburn, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAP), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Bingaman), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. Dorgan), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. Inouye) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 23, a joint resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day.

S.J. Res. 23

At the request of Mr. Kennedy, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 232, a resolution celebrating the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and reaffirming the commitment of the Senate to ensuring the continued effectiveness of the Act in protecting the voting rights of all citizens of the United States.

S. Res. 232
At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 240, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding manifestations of anti-Semitism by United Nations member states and crying action against anti-Semitism by United Nations officials, United Nations member states, and the Government of the United States, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DOUGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 244, a resolution expressing support for the Pledge of Allegiance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY): S. 1718. A bill to provide special rules for disaster relief employment under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 for individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina; read the first time.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it's a privilege to join my colleague Senator Enzi in introducing a bill to bring much-needed employment relief to the many working men and women who suddenly lost their livelihood because of Hurricane Katrina. The bill authorizes the Secretary to use National Emergency Grant funds to create short-term jobs as the region begins to rebuild.

In distributing these funds, the first priority will be the States who have suffered the most. A group of us visited the Gulf Coast area last Friday and saw firsthand the immensity of the devastation. We know these proud hard-working men and women are anxious to become self-sufficient again as soon as possible. The Nation has opened its heart to the victims of this vast tragedy, and we need to focus now on making sure that their towns, cities and parishes are ready for their return.

In order to rebuild, we need to make sure that there are jobs for them and schools for their children. Last week, we took a first step in helping reopen the schools and we also need to take a similar step to see that there are jobs when they return.

The most heavily affected States—Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi—are doing all they can to begin rebuilding the local economy, so only Governors and local elected officials will control these employment funds. Our intention is to help rebuild the local economy and give benefits to local workers in those local businesses.

I commend Chairman ENZI for his leadership on this bill, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

By Mr. CORNYN: S. 1720. A bill to provide enhanced penalties for crimes committed using funds appropriated for remediation of any injury or damage caused by Hurricane Katrina; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, our hearts go out to those who have been affected by the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina. By now, those who have been displaced by this disaster know that help is available to them. And true to the American spirit, assistance has poured in from people all across this great land. We have seen the Government, at every level, fail in some way to respond adequately to this emergency. Congressional hearings will examine these failures and the reasons for them to make sure that we are better prepared to respond in the future.

But there is no need for a review of the adequacy, efficiency, or responsiveness of every official who heeded distress calls from their fellow citizens. When the history of this disaster is finally written, it will document the fact that the American people rose to the challenge. Because that is what Americans do—every time, without exception.

Over the past several weeks we have seen ordinary Americans, on their own initiative, coordinate the donation of goods needed by evacuees, rent U-Haul trucks, and drive to New Orleans to deliver supplies. Others have initiated fundraisers and have donated substantial funds to aid the Red Cross and other charities that are on the ground. And still others, like those in my home State of Texas, have literally opened their doors to complete strangers to provide them with food, shelter, and other necessities, so that they can get back on their feet and begin to rebuild their lives.

Here in the Congress we have acted quickly, passing emergency relief appropriations of more than $60 billion dollars to get money into the devastated areas so people can be helped and areas can be rebuilt. The President has further proposed sending an unprecedented amount of money and incentives to aid in the rebuilding. I plan to support reasonable efforts designed to aid in accomplishing these goals. However, as we pour extraordinary amounts of money into the affected areas, we must guard against those callous people who may see this as an opportunity to wrongfully enrich themselves through fraud.

We all know that the Federal Government's track record at detecting and avoiding fraud is poor, at best. As we begin to funnel what some have said may be close to $200 billion dollars into the disaster areas, we must be vigilant to ensure that these funds go where they legitimately are supposed to go. And we must send the message here and now to those who may defraud the Government or otherwise illegally obtain a portion of these funds will not be tolerated.

That is why I have introduced the Katrina Waste, Fraud and Abuse Deterrence Act of 2005. This legislation states that anyone convicted of any crime involving funds appropriated for disaster relief in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina face a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 5 years—and up to 20 years—in prison.

As I have said, a staggering amount of money will be, and currently is, being sent to this area. The funds will speed the rebuilding of these areas and otherwise help those who are in need of assistance. But the American people will not tolerate misappropriation of these funds. President Bush has ordered that a team of inspectors general review all expenditures to ensure that the rebuilding work is done honestly and wisely. I applaud the President for his stewardship of this money.

The bill I introduce today will put some teeth into this oversight. It will say to those who may contemplate illegally cutting corners or outright masterminding funds whether by fraud, theft, or embezzlement, that they will be caught, prosecuted, and imprisoned.

To those who legitimately need these funds: Your country is here to help you. To those who are inclined to take advantage of the misfortune of others by wrongfully taking these funds: You will be prosecuted.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, and Mrs. MURRAY): S. 1722. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Prevention Act of 1992, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the following be printed in the RECORD:

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Advancing FASD Research, Prevention, and Services Act.”

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are the spectrum of serious, life-long disorders by prenatal exposure to alcohol, which include Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Alcohol-Related Neurodevelopmental Disorder, and Alcohol-Related Birth Defects.

(2) In the decades that have passed since Fetal Alcohol Syndrome was first recognized in the United States, this fully preventable condition has continued to affect American children and families.

(3) Prenatal alcohol exposure can cause brain damage that produces cognitive and behavioral impairments. Prenatal alcohol exposure can cause mental retardation or low IQ and difficulties with learning, memory, attention, and problem-solving. It can