

Patent and Trademark Office, the designation of an Acting Assistant Secretary and Commissioner; and the nomination of an Assistant Secretary and Commissioner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4431. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the resignation of the Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks, Patent and Trademark Office, and the designation of an Acting Assistant Commissioner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4432. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the resignation of the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Patent and Trademark Office, and the designation of an Acting Assistant Commissioner; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4433. A communication from the Senior Investment Specialist, Treasury Division, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, three reports relative to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Retirement and 401(k) Plans for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4434. A communication from the Director, Employee Benefits/Payroll/HRIS, AgriBank, FCB, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the retirement plan for employees of the Seventh Farm Credit District; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4435. A communication from the Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations: Provisions for Filing Shipper's Export Data Electronically Using the Automated Export System (AES)" (RIN0607-AA19), received July 23, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4436. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of a 'Member' of a Membership Association", received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4437. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Releasing Information" (RIN3052-AB84), received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4438. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ports Designated for Exportation of Horses; New Jersey and New York" (Docket No. 98-078-2), received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4439. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Noxious Weeds; Permits and Interstate Movement" (Docket No. 98-094-1), received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4440. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diuron; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL # 6087-2), received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4441. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL # 6090-2), received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4442. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propiconazole; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL # 6093-3), received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4443. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propiconazole; Re-establishment of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL # 6094-2), received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4444. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyriproxyfen; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL # 6092-9), received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4445. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Status of the Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Programs (SBTCs)" for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4446. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Licensee Qualification for Performing Safety Analyses" (NRC Generic Letter 83-11, Supplement 1), received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4447. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NUREG 1556, Vol. 11, Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses, Program-Specific Guidance About Licenses of Broad Scope", received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-277. A resolution adopted by the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs, in convention, relative to harvesting of horseshoe crabs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-278. A resolution adopted by the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs, in convention, relative to the trafficking of women and girls; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-279. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio relative to the proposed "Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Communities Enhancement Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Special Report entitled "History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources during the 105th Congress" (Rept. No. 106-127).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 501. A bill to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska (Rept. No. 106-128).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 953. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the State of South Dakota to the Terry Peak Ski Area (Rept. No. 106-129).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 95: A resolution designating August 16, 1999, as "National Airborne Day".

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1255: A bill to protect consumers and promote electronic commerce by amending certain trademark infringement, dilution, and counterfeiting laws, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Raymond C. Fisher, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Maryanne Trump Barry, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

David N. Hurd, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Naomi Reice Buchwald, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

M. James Lorenz, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Victor Marrero, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Brian Theodore Stewart, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

Alejandro N. Mayorkas, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California.

(The above nominations 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 time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 1456. A bill for the relief of Rocco A. Trecosta of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1457. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assess opportunities to increase carbon storage on national forests derived from the public domain and to facilitate voluntary and accurate reporting of forest projects that reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID:

S. 1458. A bill to provide for a reduction in the rate of adolescent pregnancy through the evaluation of public and private prevention programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MACK (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 1459. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect the right of a medicare beneficiary enrolled in a Medicare+Choice plan to receive services at a skilled nursing facility selected by that individual; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1460. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to allow business and industry guaranteed loans to be made for farmer-owned projects that add value to or process agricultural products; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1461. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 (15 U.S.C. 1051 et seq.) to protect consumers and promote electronic commerce by prohibiting the bad-faith registration, trafficking or use of Internet domain names that are identical to, confusingly similar to, or dilutive of distinctive trademarks or service marks; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 1462. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to permit importation in personal baggage and through mail order of certain covered products for personal use from Canada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. TORRICELLI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1463. A bill to establish a program to provide assistance for programs of credit and other financial services for microenterprises in developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BURNS, Mr. FRIST, Mr. BREAU, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 1464. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish certain requirements regarding the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1465. A bill to provide for safe schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. THOMPSON (for himself and Mr. ASHCROFT):

S. 1466. A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for congressional review of rules establishing or increasing taxes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1457. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assess opportunities to increase carbon storage on national forests derived from the public domain and to facilitate voluntary and accurate reporting of forest projects that reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

THE FOREST RESOURCES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMY ACT

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today Senator CRAIG and I are introducing a bill that will help protect the global climate system by improving local natural resource management and strengthening the economy in rural communities. The Forest Resources for the Environment and the Economy Act of 1999 will expand the nation's forested lands and provide effective tools for including forests in our national efforts to fight global warming. The bill focuses on forests because they are the lungs of our planet. Investing in healthy forests is an investment in the health of our environment today and the well-being of our planet for decades to come.

In the Pacific Northwest, forests are more than critical environmental resources—they are also a cornerstone of our economy. In debates about forest policies, there are those who have advocated an exclusively environmental pathway, and others who have stressed an exclusively economic pathway. This bill is part of what I believe is a third pathway through the woods—a path to both stronger rural economies and healthier forests. It will reduce the buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and help protect our global climate for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren. It will provide improved wildlife and fish habitats and protect our waterways. It will enhance our national forests by reducing water pollution within their watersheds. It will provide jobs in the forestry sector in areas that have been hard hit by declining timber harvests. And it will grow additional timber resources on underproductive private lands.

The legislation does all of this through an entirely voluntary, incentive-based approach. The bill makes new resources available to private landowners through state-operated revolving loan programs that provide assistance for tree planting and other

forest management actions. By quantifying forests' contribution to climate protection, the bill puts the free market to work at turning the initial Federal investment into a long-term source of non-federal funding for forestry projects. And the bill takes an important first step toward reducing greenhouse gases on Federal lands by directing the Forest Service to report to Congress on options to increase carbon storage in our national forests.

I am deeply concerned about the risks that we are taking with our unprecedented experiment with the global climate system. Global climate change may jeopardize critical forest and other natural resources that are closely tied with Oregon's economy and our citizens' quality of life. Water managers in the Northwest may be faced with daunting challenges if the predicted climate changes, such as drier, hotter summers, complicate protection and management of water supplies. Over the last Century, the average temperature in Corvallis, Oregon has increased 2.5 degrees Fahrenheit, and average temperatures across Oregon could increase by 5 degrees or more over the next century, putting the elderly in Oregon especially at risk from more intense heat waves. And sea level rise resulting from global warming could eliminate the salt marshes along Tillamook and Coos Bay regions. Given these potential hazards of global warming, the challenge is to find strategies to protect our quality of life that won't cause an economic meltdown.

One of the key strategies for meeting this challenge is something this planet has been doing for more than 300 million years—growing abundant and healthy forests. Forests are a critical part of our global climate system. The total amount of greenhouse gases in our atmosphere depends in part on the efficiency of forests and other natural "sinks" that absorb carbon dioxide—the most significant greenhouse gas—from the atmosphere. In fact, the world's forests contain 200 times as much carbon as is emitted to the atmosphere each year from burning fossil fuels. The implications are as simple as they are scientifically sound—if we grow more trees, bigger trees, and healthier trees, we will remove more greenhouse gases from the atmosphere and help protect the global climate. According to the Pacific Forest Trust, our forest lands in the United States are only storing one-quarter of the carbon they can ultimately store. Just tapping a portion of this potential by expanding and increasing the productivity of the nation's 737 million acres of forests is an important part of a win-win strategy to slow global warming.

And here's the good news—an ounce of investment in our forests is worth not only a pound of global warming cure, but also two pounds of jobs and three pounds of protection for our waterways and wildlife. The bill that I am introducing today will not only protect our global environment, but also will