

"Export Administration Regulations Entity List: Revisions to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AB73) received on July 20, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9985. A communication from the Managing Director, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Advances, Eligible Collateral, New Business Activities and Related Matters" (RIN3069-AA97) received on July 24, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9986. A communication from the Managing Director, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Election of Federal Home Loan Bank Directors" (RIN3069-AB00) received on July 24, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9987. A communication from the Managing Director, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Membership Regulation and Advances Regulation" (RIN3069-AA94) received on July 24, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9988. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Hernandez v. Reno settlement agreement; Certain aliens eligible for family unity benefits after sponsoring family member's naturalization; additional class of aliens ineligible for family unity benefits" (RIN1115-AE72 INS No. 1823-96) received on July 19, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9989. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, transmitting, the report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference on March 14, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9990. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the transmittal of the certification of the proposed issuance of an export license relative to Australia, French Guiana, Japan, Jordan, Kourou, The Netherlands, Singapore, and the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9991. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on A-76 reviews; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-9992. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Solvency Standards for Provider-Sponsored Organizations (HCFA-1011-F)" (RIN0938-A183) received on July 12, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9993. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rev. Proc. 2000-31 Form 1040 IRS e-file Program" (Rev. Proc. 2000-31) received on July 13, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9994. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1999 Differential Earnings Rate" (Revenue Ruling 2000-37) received on July 17, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9995. A communication from the Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Social Security Amendments of 2000"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9996. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "August 2000 Applicable Federal Rates" (Revenue Ruling 2000-38) received on July 21, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9997. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: All Industries-Lease Stripping Transactions" (UIL 9226.00-00) received on July 21, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9998. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Motor Vehicle Industry-Service Technician Tool Reimbursements" (UIL 62.15-00) received on July 21, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9999. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in Cash-out Limit Under sections 411(a)(7), 411(a)(11), and 417(e)(1) for Qualified Retirement Plans" (RIN 1545-AW59 (TD8891)) received on July 18, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10000. A communication from the Deputy Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Home Health Agencies (HCFA-1059-F)" (RIN0938-AJ24) received on July 19, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10001. A communication from the Deputy Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)-HCFA-4005-IFC" (RIN0938-AJ67) received on July 19, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10002. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Forced or Indentured Child Labor" (RIN1515-AC36) received on July 20, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10003. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2000-40) received on July 24, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1586: A bill to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian Lands, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-361).

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 1729: A bill to designate the Federal facility located at 1301 Emmet Street in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Pamela B. Gwin Hall".

H.R. 1901: A bill to designate the United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station".

H.R. 1959: A bill to designate the Federal building located at 743 East Durango Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Adrian A. Spears Judicial Training Center".

H.R. 4608: A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 220 West Depot Street in Greeneville, Tennessee, as the "James H. Quillen United States Courthouse".

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2253: A bill to authorize the establishment of a joint United States-Canada commission to study the feasibility of connecting the rail system in Alaska to the North American continental rail system; and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Arthur C. Campbell, of Tennessee, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. (New Position)

Ella Wong-Rusinko, of Virginia, to be Alternate Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

By Mr. HELMS for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Everett L. Mosley, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Agency for International Development.

Richard A. Boucher, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Public Affairs).

Michael G. Kozak, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Belarus.

Nominee: Michael G. Kozak.

Post: Ambassador to Belarus.

The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

Contributions, amount, date, donee:

1. Self: none.

2. Spouse: Eileen Louise Kozak, none.

3. Children and spouses names: Dan B. and Laura D. Kozak, none; Alexander G. Kozak, none.

4. Parents names: George C. and Margaret L. Kozak, none.

5. Grandparents names: deceased.

6. Brothers and spouses names: none.

7. Sisters and spouses names: Susan D. and Tom Volking, none; Lucinda J. and Bruce Campbell, none.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bill was introduced, read the first and second times by

unanimous consent, and referred as indicated on July 24, 2000.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2910. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit the expansion of medical residency training programs in geriatric medicine; to the Committee on Finance.

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated on July 26, 2000:

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2922. A bill to create a Pension Reform and Simplification Commission to evaluate and suggest ways to enhance access to the private pension plan system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. REED, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. KERREY, Mr. ROBB, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2923. A bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for Family Care coverage for parents of enrolled children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2924. A bill to strengthen the enforcement of Federal statutes relating to false identification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S. 2925. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Men's Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2926. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that an individual's entitlement to any benefit thereunder shall continue through the month of his or her death (without affecting any other person's entitlement to benefits for that month) and that such individual's benefit shall be payable for such month only to the extent proportionate to the number of days in such month preceding the date of such individual's death; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2927. A bill to ensure that the incarceration of inmates is not provided by private contractors or vendors and that persons charged or convicted of an offense against the United States shall be housed in facilities managed and maintained by Federal, State, or local governments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2928. A bill to protect the privacy of consumers who use the Internet; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2929. A bill to establish a demonstration project to increase teacher salaries and employee benefits for teachers who enter into contracts with local educational agencies to serve as master teachers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 2930. A bill to guarantee the right of individuals to receive social security benefits

under title II of the Social Security Act in full with an accurate annual cost-of-living adjustment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2931. A bill to make improvements to the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 2932. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to provide for the issuance of a semipostal stamp in order to afford the public a convenient way to contribute to funding for the establishment of the World War II Memorial; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NICKLES:

S. 2933. A bill to amend provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 relating to remedial action of uranium and thorium processing sites; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 2934. A bill to provide for the assessment of an increased civil penalty in a case in which a person or entity that is the subject of a civil environmental enforcement action has previously violated an environmental law or in a case in which a violation of an environmental law results in a catastrophic event; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BREAUX, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2935. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the Public Health Service Act to increase Americans' access to long term health care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBB (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 2936. A bill to provide incentives for new markets and community development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. KERREY):

S. 2937. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to Medicare+Choice plans through an increase in the annual Medicare+Choice capitation rates and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2938. A bill to prohibit United States assistance to the Palestinian Authority if a Palestinian state is declared unilaterally, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2939. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for energy efficient appliances; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2940. A bill to authorize additional assistance for international malaria control, and to provide for coordination and consultation in providing assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to malaria, HIV, and tuberculosis; read the first time.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. KERREY, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BREAUX,

Mr. DEWINE, Mr. GORTON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 2941. A bill to amend the Federal Campaign Act of 1971 to provide meaningful campaign finance reform through requiring better reporting, decreasing the role of soft money, and increasing individual contribution limits, and for other purposes; read the first time.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. Res. 343. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement should recognize and admit to full membership Israel's Magen David Adom Society with its emblem, the Red Shield of David; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. GORTON):

S. Res. 344. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the proposed merger of United Airlines and US Airways is inconsistent with the public interest and public convenience and necessity policy set forth in section 40101 of title 49, United States Code; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2922. A bill to create a Pension Reform and Simplification Commission to evaluate and suggest ways to enhance access to the private pension plan system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

### THE PENSION REFORM AND SIMPLIFICATION COMMISSION ACT

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President: I rise today to introduce legislation calling for the establishment of a Pension Reform and Simplification Commission. The legislation derives directly from conversations I have had with constituents and experts on three key issues.

First, there is the problem related to the current cost and complexity of private pension plans. In my view current regulations place an unnecessary burden on small and medium business as they attempt to adopt pension plans. Indeed, even the most simple plans are often so complicated in form and function as to be incomprehensible to an everyday businessperson.

Second, there is the problem involved in coverage. Although over-all pension coverage may be consistent over the last decade and the assets of private plans have been on the increase, my concern is with those individuals of low to moderate income who are being left out of the private pension plan equation. As companies move toward cheaper plans—401(k)s being a salient example—and feel less obligated to offer defined benefit-type plans, individuals who do not have the extra money to contribute to their pension plans are