

Regulations" (RIN3095-AA72) received on March 26, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1278. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the annual performance plan for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1279. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1280. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1281. A communication from the Director, and the Inspector General of the National Science Foundation, transmitting jointly, the National Science Foundation's Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1282. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Prison Industries, Inc., Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "UNICOR: Of Service to Others" for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1283. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1284. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Hawaii-based Pelagic Longline Area Closure; Emergency Interim Rule" (RIN0648-AO66) received on March 27, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1285. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Species in the Rock Sole/Flathead Sole/Other Flatfish" Fishery Category by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" received on March 27, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1286. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fisheries; 2001 Specifications" (RIN0648-AN71) received on March 27, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1287. A communication from the Assistant Bureau Chief of Management, International Bureau/Telecommunications Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Report and Order in the Matter of 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review, Policy and Rules Concerning the International, Interexchange Marketplace" (Doc. No. 00-202, FCC01-93) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1288. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV

Broadcast Stations (Reno, NV)" (Doc. No. 00-234, RM-9999) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1289. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Key West, FL)" (Doc. No. 00-70, RM-9843) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1290. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Lowry City, Missouri)" (Doc. No. 00-145, RM-9845) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1291. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Bowling Green, Bardstown, Lebanon Junction, and Auburn, Kentucky; and Byrdstown, Tennessee)" (Doc. No. 99-326) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1292. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation M: Electronic Delivery of Federally Mandated Disclosures" (R-1042) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1293. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Z: Electronic Delivery of Federally Mandated Disclosures" (R-1043) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1294. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation B: Electronic Delivery of Federally Mandated Disclosures" (R-1040) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1295. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation DD: Electronic Delivery of Federally Mandated Disclosures" (R-1044) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1296. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation E: Electronic Delivery of Federally Mandated Disclosures" (R-1041) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### 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. KOHL (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. FEIN-

GOLD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 665. A bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. WARNER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 666. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the use of completed contract method of accounting in the case of certain long-term naval vessel construction contracts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 667. A bill to impose a condition for the conveyance, previously required, of certain real property of the United States on the Island of Vieques to Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire):

S. 668. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 669. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to promote parental involvement and parental empowerment in public education through greater competition and choice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 670. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply and to increase production and use of ethanol, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. Con. Res. 30. A concurrent resolution condemning the destruction of pre-Islamic statues in Afghanistan by the Taliban regime; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 27

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 27, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

S. 38

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, 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. 104

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 104, a bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 255

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 255, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 256

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 256, a bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect breastfeeding by new mothers.

S. 258

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of annual screening pap smear and screening pelvic exams.

S. 288

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 288, a bill to extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act through 2006, and encourage States to simplify their sales and use taxes.

S. 345

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strike the limitation that permits interstate movement of live birds, for the purpose of fighting, to States in which animal fighting is lawful.

S. 466

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE), and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 466, a bill to

amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to fully fund 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure for programs under part B of such Act.

S. 570

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 570, a bill to establish a permanent Violence Against Women Office at the Department of Justice.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to reinstate a standard for arsenic in drinking water.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to provide signing and mastery bonuses and mentoring programs for math and science teachers.

S. RES. 41

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 41, a resolution designating April 4, 2001, as "National Murder Awareness Day".

S. RES. 55

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 55, a resolution designating the third week of April as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week" for the year 2001 and all future years.

AMENDMENT NO. 161

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 161 proposed to S. 27, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 161 proposed to S. 27, *supra*.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 665. A bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, in the last year, consumers all across the nation have watched gas prices rise, seemingly without any end in sight. And, if consumers weren't paying enough already, just a few days ago the OPEC nations agreed to cut production by a million barrels a day, an action sure to drive

up prices even higher. Such blatantly anti-competitive action by the oil cartel violates the most basic principles of fair competition and free markets and should not be tolerated. It is for this reason that I rise today, with my colleagues Senators DEWINE, SPECTER, LEAHY, FEINGOLD, THURMOND, and GRASSLEY, to reintroduce the "No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act", "NOPEC". This legislation is identical to our NOPEC bill introduced last year, which passed the Judiciary Committee unanimously.

Real people suffer real consequences every day in our nation because of OPEC's actions. Rising gas prices—prices that averaged above \$2 per gallon in many places last summer, are a silent tax that takes hard-earned money away from Americans every time they visit the gas pump. Higher oil prices drive up the cost of transportation, harming thousands of companies throughout the economy from trucking to aviation. And those costs are passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices for manufactured goods. Higher oil prices mean higher heating oil and electricity costs. Anyone who has gone through a Midwest winter or a deep South summer can tell you about the tremendous personal costs associated with higher home heating or cooling bills.

We have all heard many explanations offered for rising energy prices. Some say that the oil companies are gouging consumers. Some blame disruptions in supply. Others point to EPA requirement mandating use of a new and more expensive type of "reformulated" gas in the Midwest. After last spring's gas price spike, which drove prices above \$2 per gallon for a time in the Midwest, some even claimed that refiners and distributors were illegally fixing prices. At the request of the Wisconsin delegation and Senator DEWINE, the Federal Trade Commission launched an investigation last year to figure out if those allegations were true. After an exhaustive, nearly year-long investigation, they found no evidence of illegal price fixing as a cause of higher gas prices.

But one cause of these escalating prices is indisputable: the price fixing conspiracy of the OPEC nations. For years, this conspiracy has unfairly driven up the cost of imported crude oil to satisfy the greed of the oil exporters. We have long decried OPEC, but, sadly, until now no one has tried to take any action. NOPEC will, for the first time, establish clearly and plainly that when a group of competing oil producers like the OPEC nations act together to restrict supply or set prices, they are violating U.S. law. It will authorize the Attorney General or FTC to file suit under the antitrust laws for redress. Our bill will also make plain that the nations of OPEC cannot hide behind the doctrines of "Sovereign Immunity" or "Act of State" to escape the reach of American justice.