

Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement and Report Concerning Advance Pricing Agreements" received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1315. A communication from the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Final Designation of Critical Habitat for the Arkansas River Basin Population of the Arkansas River Shiner" (RIN1018-AG12) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1316. A communication from the Acting Vice President of Communications, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on statistical studies for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1317. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the emergency funding for the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1318. A communication from the Senior Trial Attorney, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Computer Reservations Systems Regulations" (RIN2105-AD00) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1319. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the alternative power sources for flight data recorders and cockpit voice recorders; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1320. 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—Inseason Adjustment (opens B season pollock fishery in Statistical Area 610, Gulf of Alaska, for 12 hours)" received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1321. 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—Modification of a Closure (opens pollock fishery in the West Yakutat District, Gulf of Alaska)" received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1322. 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—Closes Pacific Cod Fishing by Vessels 60 ft. Length Overall and Greater Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area" received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1323. 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—Closes Pacific Cod Fishing by Catcher Processor Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area" received on March 29, 2001; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1324. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report concerning the Commission's Activities for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1325. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Amendments to an Emergency Interim Rule Implementing 2001 Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures and Harvest Specifications for the Groundfish Fisheries Off Alaska (provides exemption for fixed gear vessels)" (RIN0648-AO82) received on April 2, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1326. 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 Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Final Rule; Adjusting the Seasonal Apportionment of the 2001 Pacific Halibut by Catch Limits for the Trawl and Hook-and-Line Groundfish Fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska" received on April 2, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1327. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Closure of Fishery for Pacific Mackerel" received on April 2, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1328. 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; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels 60 feet Length Overall and Longer Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" received on April 2, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1329. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1330. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relating to the Government National Mortgage Association for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1331. A communication from the Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1332. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1333. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1334. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Program Performance Report for

Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1335. A communication from the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1336. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Policy, Management and Budget, and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1337. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1338. A communication from the President of the African Development Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report concerning the Foundation's Financial Statements, Internal Controls, and Compliance for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1339. A communication from the Secretary of Labor and Chairman of the Board, and the Acting Executive Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1340. A communication from the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 27: A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the 1944 deportation of the Chechen people to central Asia, and for other purposes.

S. Res. 60: A resolution urging the immediate release of Kosovar Albanians wrongfully imprisoned in Serbia, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 23: A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the involvement of the Government in Libya in the terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

William Howard Taft, IV, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations, I report favorably in the Foreign Service

the nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Foreign Service nominations beginning E. Cecile Adams and ending William G. L. Gaskill, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on March 13, 2001.

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. BOND:

S. 678. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a program for fisheries habitat protection, restoration, and enhancement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CLELAND:

S. 679. A bill to establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON:

S. 680. A bill to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 681. A bill to help ensure general aviation aircraft access to Federal land and to the airspace over that land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. HOLINGS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. REED, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. THURMOND, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 682. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to restore the link between the maximum amount of earnings by blind individuals permitted without demonstrating ability to engage in substantial gainful activity and the exempt amount permitted in determining excess earnings under the earnings test; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire):

S. 683. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of private health insurance, and to establish State health insurance safety-net programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY,

Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 684. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KOHL, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 685. A bill to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to strengthen working families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 149

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to provide authority to control exports, and for other purposes.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for partnerships in character education.

S. 318

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 318, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance.

S. 321

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 321, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the Medicaid program for such children, and for other purposes.

S. 361

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 361, a bill to establish age limitations for airmen.

S. 409

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the standards for compensation for Persian Gulf veterans suffering from certain undiagnosed illnesses, and for other purposes.

S. 414

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 414, a bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to establish a digital network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 448

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 448, a bill to provide permanent appropriations to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Trust Fund to make payments under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note).

S. 449

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 449, a bill to ensure the timely payment of benefits to eligible persons under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210).

S. 466

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) 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. 472

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 472, a bill to ensure that nuclear energy continues to contribute to the supply of electricity in the United States.

S. 500

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 500, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 in order to require the Federal Communications Commission to fulfill the sufficient universal service support requirements for high cost areas, and for other purposes.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S. 534, a bill to establish a Federal interagency task force for the purpose of coordinating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as "mad cow disease") and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to provide for equal coverage of mental health benefits with respect to health insurance coverage unless comparable limitations are imposed on medical and surgical benefits.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 567, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide capital