

Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1837. A communication from the Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Business Enterprise Grants and Television Demonstration Grants" received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1838. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "North Dakota Regulatory Program" (ND-040-FOR) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1839. A communication from the Regulations Officer of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal-Aid Agreement" (RIN2125-AE77) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1840. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment of the NAAQS for PM-10 in the Weirton, West Virginia Nonattainment Area" (FRL6979) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1841. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL6980-8) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1842. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Nitrogen Oxides Budget Trading Program" (FRL6981-4) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1843. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Effective Date Modification for the Determination of Nonattainment as of November 15, 1996, and Reclassification of the St. Louis Ozone Nonattainment Area; States of Missouri and Illinois" (FRL6980-7) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1844. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Venezuela; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1845. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (Doc. No.

FEMA-7761) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1846. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Letter of Map Revision and Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill Requests" (RIN3067-AD13) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1847. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (Doc. No. FEMA-7320) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1848. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (Doc. No. FEMA-D-7503) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1849. A communication from the Assistant to the Federal Reserve Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicability of Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act to loans and Extensions of Credit made by a member bank to a third party" (R-1016) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1850. A communication from the Assistant to the Federal Reserve Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicability of Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act to the Purchase of Securities from Certain Affiliates" (R-1015) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1851. A communication from the Secretary of the Division of Market Research, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Terms in a Specific Exemptions for Banks, Savings Associations, and Savings Banks Under Sections 3(a)(4) and 3(a)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934" (RIN3235-AI19) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1852. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Criteria for Submitting Supplemental Practice Expense Survey Data" (RIN0938-AK14) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1853. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Home and Community Based Services" (RIN0938-AI67) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1854. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare, Medicaid, and CLIA Programs; Extension of Certain Effective Dates for Clinical Laboratory Requirements Under CLIA" (RIN0938-AI94) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1855. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Child Support Enforcement Program; Incentive Payments, Audit Penalties" (RIN0970-AB85) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1856. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Medical Support Notice" (RIN0970-AB97) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1857. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Self-Assessment Review and Report" (RIN0970-AB96) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1858. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "High Performance Bonus" (RIN0970-AC06) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1859. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Supplier Standards" (RIN0938-AH19) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. GRAMM for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

James J. Jochum, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

John E. Robson, of California, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2005.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendations 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 bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 878. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prorate the heavy vehicle use tax between the first and subsequent purchasers of the same vehicle in one taxable period; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 879. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the tip tax credit to employers of cosmetologists and to promote tax compliance in the cosmetology sector; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 880. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide adequate coverage for immunosuppressive drugs furnished to beneficiaries under the medicare program that have received an organ transplant, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 881. A bill to amend the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 to provide for consistent treatment of survivor benefits for public safety officers killed in the line of duty; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 882. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that a monthly insurance benefit thereunder shall be paid for the month in which the recipient dies, subject to a reduction of 50 percent if the recipient dies during the first 15 days of such month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 883. A bill to ensure the energy self-sufficiency of the United States by 2011, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 884. A bill to improve port-of-entry infrastructure along the Southwest border of the United States, to establish grants to improve port-of-entry facilities, to designate a port-of-entry as a port technology demonstration site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. MILLER):

S. 885. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for national standardized payment amounts for inpatient hospital services furnished under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 886. A bill to establish the Katie Poirier Abduction Emergency Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 887. A bill to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1986 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 888. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide assistance to students and families coping with the costs of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 889. A bill to protect consumers in managed care plans and in other health coverage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 890. A bill to require criminal background checks on all firearms transactions occurring at events that provide a venue for the sale, offer for sale, transfer, or exchange of firearms, and to provide additional resources for gun crime enforcement; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 891. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act with respect to extensions of credit to consumers under the age of 21; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 892. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to phase out the use of methyl tertiary butyl ether in fuels or fuel additives, to promote the use of renewable fuels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. Res. 89. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate welcoming Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian to the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 117

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to prohibit products that contain dry ultra-filtered milk products or casein from being labeled as domestic natural cheese, and for other purposes.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors 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. 217

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a uniform dollar limitation for all types of transportation fringe benefits excludable from gross income, and for other purposes.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. THOMPSON, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 291, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for State and local sales taxes in lieu of State and local income taxes and to allow the State and local income tax deduction against the alternative minimum tax.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) 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. 345

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) 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. 421

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 421, a bill to give gifted and talented students the opportunity to develop their capabilities.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed firearms and to allow States to enter into compacts to recognize other States' concealed weapons permits.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to reduce the risk that innocent persons may be executed, and for other purposes.

S. 562

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 562, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the record of admission for permanent residence in the case of certain aliens.

S. 587

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 587, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to sustain access to vital emergency medical services in rural areas.

S. 661

At the request of Mr. THOMPSON, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent motor fuel exercise taxes on railroads and inland waterway transportation which remain in the general fund of the Treasury.

S. 677

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 677, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financing to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic,

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):