

H.R. 4931. An act to provide that the pension and individual retirement arrangement provisions of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 shall be permanent.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 3971. An act to provide for an independent investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths that are caused by wildfire entrapment or burnover.

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-7589. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rehabilitation Engineering Research Centers" received on June 24, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7590. A communication from the Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the List of States Rechartered by the Commission on Civil Rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7591. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "United States Patent and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7592. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to Pakistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7593. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to Pakistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7594. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Finland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7595. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to Pakistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7596. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to Pakistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7597. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the ex-

port of defense articles to Pakistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7598. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to Pakistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7599. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7600. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to Pakistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7601. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to Pakistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7602. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to Pakistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7603. A communication from the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Attorney General's Semiannual Management Report and the Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7604. A communication from the Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The U.S. Office of Personnel Management in Retrospect: Achievements and Challenges After Two Decades"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7605. A communication from the Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Federal Merit Promotion Program: Process vs. Outcome"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7606. 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 "Appeals Mediation Rev. Proc." (Rev. Proc. 2002-44, 2002-26) received on June 20, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7607. 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 "Appeals Arbitration Extension Announcement" (Ann. 2002-60, 2002-26) received on June 20, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7608. 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 "Disclosure of Return Information to Officers and Employees of the Department of Agriculture for Certain Statistical Purposes and Related Activities" (RIN1545-BA56; TD9001) received on June 20, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7609. 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 "Revenue Ruling 2002-34; Applica-

tion of Section 4261(b) to Charters" (RR-166571-01) received on June 20, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7610. 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 "Conversion of a Money Purchase Plan to a Profit-Sharing Plan" (Rev. Rul. 2002-42) received on June 20, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7611. 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 "Passenger Name Record Information Required for Passengers on Flights in Foreign Air Transportation To or From the United States" (RIN1515-AD06) received on June 20, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7612. 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 "Renewable Electricity Production Credit, Publication of Inflation Adjustment Factor and Reference Prices for Calendar Year 2002" (Notice 2002-39) received on June 24, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7613. 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 "Guidance Under Section 832—Deductibility of Premium Acquisition Expenses of Non-Life Insurance Companies" (Rev. Proc. 2002-46) received on June 24, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7614. A communication from the Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C and D—2002-2003 Subsistence Taking on Fish and Wildlife Regulations" (RIN1018-AI06) received on June 18, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7615. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to grant easements or rights-of-way for energy-related projects on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS); to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7616. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Technical Base Qualification Standard" (DOE-STD-1146-2001) received on June 20, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7617. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Radiological Assessor Training" (DOE-HDBK-1141-2001) received on June 20, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7618. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Human Factors/Ergonomics Handbook for the Design for Ease of Maintenance" (DOE-HDBK-1140-2001) received on June 20, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7619. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Radiological Safety Training for Plutonium Facilities" (DOE-HDBK-1145-2001) received on

June 20, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7620. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hoisting and Rigging" (DOE-STD-1090-2001) received on June 20, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2530: A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to establish police powers for certain Inspector General agents engaged in official duties and provide an oversight mechanism for the exercise of those powers. (Rept. No. 107-176).

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

S. 281: A bill to authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. (Rept. No. 107-177).

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

S. 1240: A bill to provide for the acquisition of land and construction of an interagency administrative and visitor facility at the entrance to American Fork Canyon, Utah, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-178).

By Mr. SARBANES, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2673: An original bill to improve quality and transparency in financial reporting and independent audits and accounting services for public companies, to create a Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, to enhance the standard setting process for accounting practices, to strengthen the independence of firms that audit public companies, to increase corporate responsibility and the usefulness of corporate financial disclosure, to protect the objectivity and independence of securities analysts, to improve Securities and Exchange Commission resources and oversight, and for other purposes.

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. SARBANES:

S. 2673. An original bill to improve quality and transparency in financial reporting and independent audits and accounting services for public companies, to create a Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, to enhance the standard setting process for accounting practices, to strengthen the independence of firms that audit public companies, to increase corporate responsibility and the usefulness of corporate financial disclosure, to protect the objectivity and independence of securities analysts, to improve Securities and Exchange Commission resources and oversight, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

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

S. 2674. A bill to improve access to health care medically underserved areas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. 2675. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a pilot program to make grants to eligible institutions to develop, demonstrate, or disseminate information on practices, methods, or techniques relating to environmental education and training in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2676. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a 10-year foreign tax credit carryforward and to apply the look-thru rules for purposes of the foreign tax credit limitation to dividends from foreign corporations not controlled by a domestic corporation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2677. A bill to improve consumer access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BOND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. REID, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2678. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to transfer all excise taxes imposed on alcohol fuels to the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 2679. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a tax credit for offering employer-based health insurance coverage, to provide for the establishment of health plan purchasing alliances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2680. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to evaluate opportunities to enhance domestic oil and gas production through the exchange of nonproducing Federal oil and gas leases located in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, in the Flathead National Forest, and on Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S.J. Res. 38. A joint resolution providing for the designation of a Medal of Honor Flag and for presentation of that flag to recipients of the Medal of Honor; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 291. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in United States v. Milton Thomas Black; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. Con. Res. 123. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the future of Taiwan should be resolved peacefully, through a democratic mechanism, with the express consent of the people of Taiwan and free from outside threats, intimidation, or

interference; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 237

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 237, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) 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. 572

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 572, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend modifications to DSH allotments provided under the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000.

S. 677

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors 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. 839

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the amount of payment for inpatient hospital services under the Medicare program and to freeze the reduction in payments to hospitals for indirect costs of medical education.

S. 912

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans.

S. 913

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors of S. 913, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of all oral anticancer drugs.

S. 918

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey