

Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL7220-6) received on July 11, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7996. A communication from the Acting Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Travel Agencies; Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program" (RIN3245-AE93) received on July 16, 2002; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-7997. A communication from the Acting Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Travel Agencies" (RIN3245-AE95) received on July 16, 2002; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-7998. A communication from the Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Accountants' Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7999. A communication from the Administrator, General Service Administration, transmitting, the report of lease prospectuses that support the General Service Administration's Fiscal Year 2003 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8000. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report for 2001 on Voting Practices at the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8001. A communication from the Vice Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibited and Excessive Contributions: Non-Federal Funds of Soft Money" (Notice 2002-11) received on July 16, 2002; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-8002. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions and Clarifications to Encryption Controls in the Export Administration Regulations—Implementation of Changes in Category 5, Part 2 ("Information Security"), of the Wassenaar Arrangement List of Dual-Use Goods and Other Technologies" (RIN0694-AC61) received on July 3, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8003. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report dated July 16, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8004. A communication from the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report on the Resolution Funding Corporation for the calendar year 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2740: An original bill making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Inde-

pendent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-212).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. KENNEDY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Richard H. Carmona, of Arizona, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.

*Nomination was reported with 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.

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. BAUCUS:

S. 2737. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to consolidate and improve the trade adjustment assistance programs, to provide community-based economic development assistance for trade-affected communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2738. A bill to provide for the reimbursement under the medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act of nursing facilities that are located on an Indian reservation in the State of South Dakota and owned or operated by an Indian tribe or tribal organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KYL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. HELMS):

S. 2739. A bill to provide for post-conviction DNA testing, to improve competence and performance of prosecutors, defense counsel, and trial judges handling State capital criminal cases, to ensure the quality of defense counsel in Federal capital cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 2740. An original bill making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 2741. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve procedures for the determination of the inability of veterans to defray expenses of necessary medical care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2742. A bill to establish new non-immigrant classes for border commuter students; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2743. A bill to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 2744. A bill to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2745. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain lands in Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2746. A bill to establish a Federal Liaison on Homeland Security in each State, to provide coordination between the Department of Homeland Security and State and local first responders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 2747. A bill to provide for substantial reductions in the price of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries and for women diagnosed with breast cancer; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CONRAD:

S. 2748. A bill to authorize the formulation of State and regional emergency telehealth network testbeds and, within the Department of Defense, a telehealth task force; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 2749. A bill to establish the Highlands Stewardship Area in the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Con. Res. 128. A concurrent resolution honoring the invention of modern air conditioning by Dr. Willis H. Carrier on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 267

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, to make it unlawful for any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer to transfer or market nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 411

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 540

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 540, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow as a deduction in determining adjusted gross income the deduction for expenses in connection with services as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, to allow employers a credit against income tax with respect to employees who participate in the military reserve components, and to allow a comparable credit for participating reserve component self-employed individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 556

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 556, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions from electric powerplants, and for other purposes.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 776, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to increase the floor for treatment as an extremely low DSH State to 3 percent in fiscal year 2002.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a grant program for providing financial assistance for local rail line relocation projects, and for other purposes.

S. 960

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand coverage of medical nutrition therapy services under the medicare program for beneficiaries with cardiovascular diseases.

S. 1626

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1626, a bill to provide disadvantaged children with access to dental services.

S. 2055

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2055, a bill to make grants to train sexual assault nurse examiners, law enforcement personnel, and first responders in the handling of sexual assault cases, to establish minimum standards for forensic evidence collection kits, to carry out DNA analyses of samples from crime scenes, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to enhance the access of medicare beneficiaries who live in medically underserved areas to critical primary and preventive health care benefits, to improve the Medicare+Choice program, and for other purposes.

S. 2210

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2210, a bill to amend the International Financial Institutions Act to provide for modification of the Enhanced Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative.

S. 2455

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2455, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 2513

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2513, a bill to assess the extent of the backlog in DNA analysis of rape kit samples, and to improve investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases with DNA evidence.

S. 2541

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2541, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish penalties for aggravated identity theft, and for other purposes.

S. 2554

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2554, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a program for Federal flight deck officers, and for other purposes.

S. 2626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2626, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 2628

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2628, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to require a State to promote financial education under the temporary assistance to needy families program and to allow financial education to count as a work activity under that program.

S. 2670

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr.

MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2670, a bill to establish Institutes to conduct research on the prevention of, and restoration from, wildfires in forest and woodland ecosystems.

S. 2674

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) were added as cosponsors of S. 2674, a bill to improve access to health care medically underserved areas.

S. 2714

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2714, a bill to extend and expand the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002.

S. 2715

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2715, a bill to provide an additional extension of the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

S. 2734

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2734, a bill to provide emergency assistance to non-farm small business concerns that have suffered economic harm from the devastating effects of drought.

S. RES. 239

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 239, a resolution recognizing the lack of historical recognition of the gallant exploits of the officers and crew of the S.S. Henry Bacon, a Liberty ship that was sunk February 23, 1945, in the waning days of World War II.

S. RES. 242

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 242, a resolution designating August 16, 2002, as "National Airborne Day".

S. RES. 258

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 258, a resolution urging Saudi Arabia to dissolve its "martyrs" fund and to refuse to support terrorism in any way.

S. RES. 270

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 270, a resolution designating the week of October 13, 2002, through October 19, 2002, as "National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week".

S. CON. RES. 11

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 11, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress to fully use the powers of the Federal Government to enhance the science base required to more fully develop the field of health promotion and disease prevention, and to explore how strategies can be developed to integrate lifestyle improvement programs into national policy, our health care system, schools, workplaces, families and communities.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2737. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to consolidate and improve the trade adjustment assistance programs, to provide community-based economic development assistance for trade-affected communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Trade Adjustment Assistance Improvement Act of 2002.

You may ask why I am introducing this new bill now. After all, only about a month ago the Senate passed the Trade Act of 2002, a bill which prominently features a landmark expansion and improvement of the current Trade Adjustment Assistance program.

We all know that work on that trade bill is not yet complete. And I continue working diligently to get that bill through the conference process and on to the President's desk just as soon as possible.

Indeed, I am frustrated that so much time has been lost on this bill. Five weeks in the House as they worked through a very unusual process of appointing conferees. More time in the Senate while Republicans blocked efforts to get the bill to conference.

The TAA provisions in the trade bill that passed the Senate back in May are solid and important. They represent a huge improvement over current law. It is critical to remember, however, that they are the product of compromise, a compromise that was reached between Democrats and Republicans in the Senate and with the Administration.

In my view, the Senate-passed TAA reforms represent a good first step toward making TAA work for American workers. But we could do better. And we should do better.

That is why I am here introducing new TAA legislation today. I think American workers should know that my commitment to improve TAA will not end after we pass the current trade bill.

This new bill includes a number of provisions not included in H.R. 3009, the bill that passed the Senate. I would like to summarize a few of the most important new provisions now.

First, this bill makes training a full entitlement under TAA.

Under current law, TAA income support is an individual entitlement, but the training entitlement is subject to a funding cap. When funds run out, as they frequently do, workers cannot get the training to which they are entitled. In some cases, this results in denial of income support as well.

While H.R. 3009 raises the funding cap in an attempt to eliminate funding shortfalls for TAA training, I think this bill takes an even better approach. After all, TAA is fundamentally a retraining program. It just makes sense to make the same commitment to fully fund training that we already do to income support.

Second, this bill broadens the scope of eligibility to additional groups of trade-impacted workers who were dropped from TAA in the compromise language passed by the Senate. This includes, most importantly, a much broader definition of secondary workers.

In particular, this bill includes full TAA eligibility for downstream secondary workers, rather than limiting that eligibility to workers impacted by NAFTA.

It also includes coverage for workers who provide services under contract to trade-impacted firms and to truckers who may be adversely affected by the opening of the border to Mexican trucking services. In sum, this bill aims to make sure that every worker who loses his job as a result of trade gets fair and equitable access to services under TAA.

Third, this bill creates an easy and efficient process for providing TAA benefits on an industry-wide rather than firm-by-firm basis. We all know that there are industries in this country, like softwood lumber, steel, and textiles, just to name a few, that are experiencing declining employment on a national basis as a direct consequence of trade.

The bill addresses the problem two ways. In cases where an industry has already demonstrated adverse trade effects in a section 201 or "safeguard" investigation, the President must provide industry-wide TAA certification as part of the remedy.

It also requires the Secretary of Labor to use an industry-wide approach to certification in other industries when there is evidence that trade-related worker displacements are national in scope.

Finally, we restore the 75 percent health care tax credit for TAA participants that was reduced to 70 percent in the compromise trade bill. We also give workers additional choices for obtaining health care coverage.

Without strong and meaningful improvements in the TAA program, I think we would not have seen the wide, bipartisan support for the overall trade bill that allowed it to pass the Senate by a vote of 66-30.

For that reason, I view the Senate-passed TAA bill as a floor for what can reasonably be agreed to in conference.

I don't think that something weaker is going to get us to a majority when the Senate considers the conference report.

As I mentioned before, many of the provisions included in this new bill were dropped from the trade bill that recently passed the Senate as part of a bipartisan compromise. Many, if not all, of them fall easily within the scope of the upcoming conference.

While I plan to vigorously defend the Senate bill in conference, I want to remind my colleagues in the House that the Senate bill already represents a bipartisan compromise, one worked out with the Administration.

In passing the rule to go to conference, my colleagues in the House have passed a bill that would completely gut the Senate-passed provisions. For example: the restrictions on coverage for secondary workers are so strict as to effectively eliminate coverage; the bill would not cover shifts in production to non-NAFTA countries; and the health care benefits have been significantly weakened. They would cover many fewer workers, for a shorter period of time, with reduced benefits that may be of little use.

I would suggest to my colleagues in the House that efforts to weaken the Senate bill will be met with equally strong efforts to strengthen it. It should come as no surprise that, if my House colleagues persist in trying to weaken TAA, I will feel obligated to raise some of the provisions that were dropped in the Senate negotiations.

As I have said many times, I believe an improved TAA program is critical to regaining public confidence in a liberal trade policy for our country. In future, I intend to keep working toward the goal of improving TAA in every way available. I think this new bill points us in the right direction and I am pleased to be introducing it today.

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

S. 2738. A bill to provide for the reimbursement under the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act of nursing facilities that are located on an Indian reservation in the State of South Dakota and owned or operated by an Indian tribe or tribal organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, South Dakota tribes are prevented from developing elder care on their reservations due to a State imposed moratorium on the construction or acquisition of additional nursing home beds. This impasse has gone on for nearly a decade, much too long.

Today I am introducing legislation along with my good friend and colleague Senator DASCHLE, that will facilitate the development and operation of nursing facilities that are owned or operated by an Indian tribe or tribal organization on Indian reservations that are located in the State of South Dakota. Additionally, the legislation will protect the right of members of Indian tribes and tribal organizations to