

EC-554. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, 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 (Boonville, California) (MB Doc. No. 02-105)" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-555. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief, 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. (Chillicothe and Ashville, OH) (MM Doc. No. 99-322)" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-556. A communication from the Staff Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law the report of a rule entitled "Harmonization with the United National Recommendations, International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, and International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions; Incorporation by Reference (RIN2137-AD41)" received on January 8, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-557. A Communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Material: Temporary Reduction of Registration Fees (RIN2137-AD53)" received on January 8, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-558. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Occupant Crash Protection (RIN2127-A185)" received on January 8, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-559. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Domestic Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; Final Specifications for 2003 (RIN0648-AQ31)" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-560. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The NMFS announce Halibut and red king crab bycatch rate standards for the first half of 2003. Publication of these bycatch rate standards is necessary under regulations implementing the vessel incentive program (VIP). This action is necessary to implement the bycatch rate standards for trawl vessel operators who participate in the Alaska groundfish trawl fisheries. The intent of this action is to avoid excessive prohibited species bycatch rates and promote conservation of groundfish and other fishery resources" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-561. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of Security Regulation and Policy, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aviation Security: Private Charter Security Rules (RIN2110-AA05)" received on January 8, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-562. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report containing the four issues of the Quarterly Journal that compromise the 2001 annual report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-563. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Cooperative Threat Reduction Annual Report to Congress Fiscal Year 2003"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-564. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "To Walk the Earth in Safety the United States Commitment to Humanitarian Demining"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-565. A communication from the Assistant Legal Advisor for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of International Agreements other than Treaties entered into with Australia, Indonesia, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Mexico and Croatia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-566. A communication from the Assistant Legal Advisor for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of International Agreements other than Treaties entered into with Pakistan, Italy, Japan and the Philippines; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-567. A communication from the Assistant Legal Advisor for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of International Agreements other than Treaties entered into with Taiwan by the American Institute in Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-568. A communication from the Program Analyst, Directorate of Civil Works, Operations Divisions, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States Navy Restricted Area, Narragansett Bay, East Passage, Coddington Cove, Naval Station Newport, Newport, RI"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-569. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to a lease prospectus for the Department of Homeland Security in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS for the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

\*Thomas J. Ridge, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. George W. Casey, Jr.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. John P. Abizaid.

\*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.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they may be confirmed.)

#### 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 Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 193. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to evaluate and demonstrate the operation of radiation detection systems for use at seaports in the United States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 194. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish an inventory, registry, and information system of United States greenhouse gas emissions to inform the public and private sector concerning, and encourage voluntary reductions in, greenhouse gas emissions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 195. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to bring underground storage tanks into compliance with subtitle I of that Act, to promote cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks, to provide sufficient resources for such compliance and cleanup, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. MILLER):

S. 196. A bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 197. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a program to help States expand the education system to include at least 1 year of early education preceding the year a child enters kindergarten; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. Con. Res. 2. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States Postal Service should issue commemorative postage stamps honoring Americans who distinguished themselves by their service in the armed forces; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 17

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 17, a bill to initiate responsible Federal actions that will reduce the risks from global warming and climate change to the economy, the environment, and quality of life, and for other purposes.

S. 85

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) and the Senator from

Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 85, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 120

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 120, a bill to eliminate the marriage tax penalty permanently in 2003.

S. 145

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 145, a bill to prohibit assistance to North Korea or the Korean Peninsula Development Organization, and for other purposes.

S. 173

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 173, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the financing of the Superfund.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to authorize emergency supplemental assistance to combat the growing humanitarian crisis in sub-Saharan Africa.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 31

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 31 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 31

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 31 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, *supra*.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 32

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 32 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 33

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 33 intended to be proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 194. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish an inventory, registry, and information system of United States greenhouse emissions to inform the public and private sector concerning, and encourage voluntary reductions in, greenhouse gas emissions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill that represents an important step towards the goal of addressing the threats posed by global climate change. I am pleased to be joined on this bill by Senator JEFFORDS and Senator LIEBERMAN. They were cosponsors of this legislation in the 107th Congress, they are recognized environmental leaders in the Senate, and are long-standing, outspoken advocates for taking action to mitigate climate change. I appreciate their help in introducing this legislation today.

Climate change is a complex issue. Scientifically. Economically. Politically. But complexity is no excuse for inattention or inaction. Because the health and viability of the global ecosystems upon which we all depend are at stake. And the time to act is now.

In 2001, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released its Third Assessment Report. That report shows that climate change science is increasingly clear and alarming. We know that human activities, primarily fossil fuel combustion, have raised the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide to the highest levels in the last 420,000 years. We know that the planet is warming, and that the balance of the scientific evidence suggests that most of the recent warming can be attributed to increased atmospheric greenhouse gas levels. We know that without concerted action by the U.S. and other countries, greenhouse gases will continue to increase.

These findings were echoed by a National Academy Sciences report published later in 2001, which concluded that: "Greenhouse gases are accumulating in Earth's atmosphere as a result of human activities, causing surface air temperatures and subsurface ocean temperatures to rise. Temperatures are, in fact, rising. The changes observed over the last several decades are likely mostly due to human activities, but we cannot rule out that some significant part of these changes is also a reflection of natural variability. . . . "Despite the uncertainties, there is general agreement that the observed warming is real and particularly strong within the past 20 years."

Climate science and climate modeling have improved. These models predict warming under all scenarios that have been considered. Even the smallest warming predicted by current models, 2.5 degrees Fahrenheit over the next century, would represent the

greatest rate of increase in global mean surface temperature in the last 10,000 years.

If these trends continue, the results may be devastating. People in my State of New Jersey treasure their Jersey Shore. With the exception of the 50 mile northern border with New York, New Jersey is surrounded by water. The State's Atlantic coastline stretches 127 miles. Fourteen of 21 counties have estuarine or marine shorelines. Rising sea level is already having adverse impacts, by exacerbating coastal erosion, and causing inundation, flooding, and saline intrusions into ground water. The NJ coastal area also supports one of New Jersey's largest industries, tourism.

Sea level is rising more rapidly along the US coast than worldwide. Studies by EPA and others have estimated that along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts, a one-foot rise in the sea level is likely by 2050 and could occur as soon as 2025. In the next century, a two-foot rise is most likely but a four-foot rise is possible. The implications for New Jersey and many other coastal States are potentially very significant. I am concerned about this impact. And I am concerned about other climate change impacts across New Jersey, the country and the globe.

The time for inaction and delay is over. We need to take steps today to start dealing with this issue. This bill is a modest step. But I think it's an important one, and it's one that I believe we should be able to act on during the 108th Congress.

The main provisions of the bill establish a system that would require companies to estimate and report their emissions of greenhouse gases, and a place where companies can register greenhouse gas emissions reductions. In addition, the bill would require an annual report on U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. I'd like to go through each of these components in more detail.

First, the bill requires EPA to work with the Secretaries of Energy, Commerce and Agriculture, as well as the private sector and non-governmental organizations to establish a greenhouse gas emission information system. For the purposes of the bill, greenhouse gases are carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. EPA is directed to establish threshold quantities for each of these gases. The threshold quantities will trigger the requirement for a company to report to the system, and are included to enable EPA to exclude most small businesses from the reporting requirements.

Companies that emit more than a threshold quantity of each gas will be required to report their emissions on an annual basis to EPA. The requirements will be phased in, beginning with direct, stationary source emissions in 2004. The following year, in 2005, companies subject to the reporting requirements will need to submit to EPA estimates of other types of greenhouse gas