

EC-10047. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Identifying Talent Through Automated Hiring Systems in Federal Agencies"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10048. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the six-month period ending September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10049. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Fiscal Year 2004 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10050. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10051. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Regulations on Notification of Post-Employment Restrictions" received on November 3, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10052. A communication from the Director of the Selective Service System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the System's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10053. A communication from the Counsel to the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Inspector General, General Services Administration, received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10054. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Revised Final Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 2393. A bill to improve aviation security (Rept. No. 108-417).

S. 2541. A bill to reauthorize and restructure the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-418).

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1153. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-419).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1380. A bill to distribute universal service support equitably throughout rural America, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1963. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to protect the privacy right of subscribers to wireless communication services.

S. 2145. A bill to regulate the unauthorized installation of computer software, to require clear disclosure to computer users of certain computer software features that may pose a threat to user privacy, and for other purposes.

S. 2281. A bill to provide a clear and unambiguous structure for the jurisdictional and regulatory treatment for the offering or provision of voice-over-Internet-protocol applications, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment:

S. 2505. A bill to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low power FM service.

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2644. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 with respect to the carriage of direct broadcast satellite television signals by satellite carriers to consumers in rural areas, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 2820. A bill to ensure the availability of certain spectrum for public safety entities by amending the Communications Act of 1934 to establish January 1, 2009, as the date by which the transition to digital television shall be completed, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Col. Guy K. Dahlbeck.

Air Force nomination of Col. Brent E. Winget.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Jason K. Kamiya.

Army nomination of Col. Keith L. Thurgood.

Army nomination of Colonel Michael J. Lally III.

By Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Gay Hart Gaines, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2010.

*Claudia Puig, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2008.

*Ernest J. Wilson III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2010.

*James S. Simpson, of New York, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

*Harold Jennings Creel, Jr., of South Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2009.

*Jonathan Steven Adelstein, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2008.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent to save the expense of reprinting on the the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Coast Guard nominations beginning Gerard P. Achenbach and ending Elizabeth D Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on September 23, 2004.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Joel A. Amundson and ending Joseph M. Zwack, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 16, 2004.

*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 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 Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 12. A bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 3008. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House, located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 3009. A bill to establish a Division of Food and Agricultural Science within the National Science Foundation and to authorize funding for the support of fundamental agricultural research of the highest quality, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 3010. A bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Administrator of the United States Fire Administration to provide assistance to firefighting task forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 3011. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide payments to Medicare ambulance suppliers of the full cost or furnishing such services, to provide payments to rural ambulance providers, and suppliers to account for the cost of serving areas with low population density, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3012. A bill to ensure a balanced survey of taxpayers in any system of

precertification for the earned income tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3013. A bill to provide for the establishment of a controlled substance monitoring program in each State; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 3014. A bill to reauthorize the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 3015. A bill for the relief of Fatuka Kaikumba Flake; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 3016. A bill to promote freedom, economic growth, and security in Asia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. EDWARDS:

S. 3017. A bill to provide for the settlement of the claims of Swain County, North Carolina, against the United States under the agreement dated July 30, 1943; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 3018. A bill to direct the Inspector General of the Department of Justice to submit semi-annual reports regarding settlements relating to false claims and fraud against the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 3019. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 3020. A bill to establish protections against compelled disclosure of sources, and news or information, by persons providing services for the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BOND, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SANTORUM, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 474. A resolution to express support for the goals of National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging Americans to secure safety, permanency, and well being for all children; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. Res. 475. A resolution to condemn human rights abuses in Laos; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 476. A resolution supporting the goals, activities, and ideals of National Prematurity Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 477. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of a reinvigorated United States vision of freedom, peace, and democracy in the Middle East; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. Res. 478. A resolution relating to displaced staff members of Senators and Senate leaders; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. TALENT):

S. Con. Res. 150. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the murder of Emmett Till; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. Con. Res. 151. A concurrent resolution recognizing the essential role that the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 has played in development of peaceful uses of atomic energy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 585

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 585, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of SBP survivor annuities by dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 983

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 983, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 1813

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1813, a bill to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, and for other purposes.

S. 1889

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1889, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to permit States to cover low-income youth up to age 23 with an enhanced matching rate.

S. 1968

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1968, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to enhance literacy in finance and economics, and for other purposes.

S. 2338

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2338, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 2382

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Washington

(Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2382, a bill to establish grant programs for the development of telecommunications capacities in Indian country.

S. 2395

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2395, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centenary of the bestowal of the Nobel Peace Prize on President Theodore Roosevelt, and for other purposes.

S. 2468

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2468, a bill to reform the postal laws of the United States.

S. 2553

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2553, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of screening ultrasound for abdominal aortic aneurysms under part B of the medicare program.

S. 2568

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2568, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the tercentenary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, and for other purposes.

S. 2713

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2713, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise the amount of minimum allotments under the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness program.

S. 2722

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2722, a bill to maintain and expand the steel import licensing and monitoring program.

S. 2779

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2779, a bill to improve protections for children and to hold States accountable for the orderly and timely placement of children across State lines, and for other purposes.

S. 2873

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from