

Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7020. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Inventory for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7021. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Publication of Revised Bylaws of the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel" received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7022. A communication from the Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of activities under the Government in Sunshine Act for calendar year 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7023. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7024. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7025. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7026. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D for Fiscal Years 2000 through 2003, as of June 30, 2003"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7027. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Certification of the Fiscal Year 2004 Revenue Estimate in Support of the District's \$173,995,000 General Obligation Bonds (Series 2003B) and \$140,325,000 Multimodal General Obligation Bonds (Series 2003C and 2003D)"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7028. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to child welfare outcomes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7029. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987; Prescription Drug Amendments of 1992; Policies, Requirements, and Administrative Procedures; Delay of Effective Date" (RIN0905-AC81) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7030. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Skin Protectant Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use, Astringent Drug Products; Final Monograph, Direct Final Rule; and Confirmation of Effective Date; Correction" (RIN0910-AA01) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7031. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management

Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Biodefense Preparedness and Response Act of 2002; Correction" (Doc. No. 2002N-0278) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7032. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Biodefense Preparedness and Response Act of 2002; Correction" (Doc. No. 2002N-0278) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7033. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Testing Laboratories" (RIN3245-AE78) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-7034. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Information Technology Value Added Reseller" (RIN3245-AE80) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-7035. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, National Cemetery Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Cemetery Grants" (RIN2900-AH46) received on April 5, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 2284. A bill to expand the medicare rural community hospital demonstration program to include outpatient services; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2285. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 2286. A bill to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2287. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 2288. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to assist States in establishing, maintaining, and improving systems to reduce the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 2289. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to combat terrorism against railroad carriers and mass transportation

systems on land, on water, or through the air, and for other purposes; 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 Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. Res. 332. A resolution observing the tenth anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide of 1994; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1316

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1316, a bill to treat payments under the Conservation Reserve Program as rentals from real estate.

S. 1411

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1411, a bill to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1549

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1549, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to phase out reduced price lunches and breakfasts by phasing in an increase in the income eligibility guidelines for free lunches and breakfasts.

S. 1709

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to amend the USA PATRIOT ACT to place reasonable limitations on the use of surveillance and the issuance of search warrants, and for other purposes.

S. 1948

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1948, a bill to provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 2072

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2072, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a nonrefundable tax credit for elder care expenses.

S. 2207

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, his name and the names of the Senator

from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2207, a bill to improve women's access to health care services, and the access of all individuals to emergency and trauma care services, by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of such services.

S. 2212

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2212, a bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket economy countries.

S. 2244

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2244, a bill to protect the public's ability to fish for sport, and for other purposes.

S. 2261

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2261, a bill to expand certain preferential trade treatment for Haiti.

S. 2262

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 2262, a bill to provide for the establishment of campaign medals to be awarded to members of the Armed Forces who participate in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

S. 2267

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2267, a bill to amend section 29(k) of the Small Business Act to establish funding priorities for women's business centers.

S. 2270

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2270, a bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

S. 2273

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2273, a bill to provide increased rail transportation security.

S. CON. RES. 83

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Indiana

(Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 83, a concurrent resolution promoting the establishment of a democracy caucus within the United Nations.

S. RES. 221

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 221, a resolution recognizing National Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the importance and accomplishments of historically Black colleges and universities.

S. RES. 298

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 298, a resolution designating May 2004 as "National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month".

S. RES. 311

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 311, a resolution calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Thadeus Nguyen Van Ly, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 317

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 317, a resolution recognizing the importance of increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders, supporting programs for increased research and improved treatment of autism, and improving training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism.

S. RES. 328

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 328, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the continued human rights violations committed by Fidel Castro and the Government of Cuba.

S. RES. 330

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 330, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should communicate to the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ('OPEC') car-

tel and non-OPEC countries that participate in the cartel of crude oil producing countries the position of the United States in favor of increasing world crude oil supplies so as to achieve stable crude oil prices.

AMENDMENT NO. 2918

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2918 intended to be proposed to S. 1637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2945

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2945 proposed to H.R. 4, a bill to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 2284. A bill to expand the medicare rural community hospital demonstration program to include outpatient services; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today I introduce legislation to continue the relief to six hospitals in Nebraska that have been struggling financially under the current Medicare payment structure.

Local hospitals can best meet the unique needs of rural communities which is why I am committed to ensuring that these hospitals have the resources they need. Vital services like hospitals are increasingly important for the survival of our rural communities. Towns can't adequately serve residents—or attract new residents—without access to basic services. We need to focus on ensuring that hospitals and other vital services have the resources they need, so that communities will have the essential services they require.

Last year, Senator BROWNBAC and I proposed legislation to provide cost-based reimbursement for rural community hospitals. Rural Community Hospitals (RCH) are hospitals with between 25-50 beds. Those hospitals had been adversely affected by Medicare formulas that set rates for reimbursement nationwide. These rates did not take into account the higher costs of practicing medicine in rural areas as these areas do not have the benefits of volume that larger hospitals enjoy. RCHs are also too large to qualify for critical access designation given to hospitals with fewer than 25 beds.