

the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Determination of Threatened Status for the Beluga Sturgeon (Huso huso)" (RIN1018-A111) received on April 20, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7179. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of Substituted Federal Enforcement for Parts of Missouri's Permanent Regulatory Program and Findings on the Status of Missouri's Permanent Regulatory Program" received on April 20, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7180. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) for documents related to the Agency's programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7181. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Revisions to the 2005 ROP Plan for the Cecil County Portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton 1-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Reflect the Use of MOBILE6" (FRL7648-3) received on April 20, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7182. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Section 112(1) Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Equivalency by Permit Provisions; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from the Pulp and Paper Industry; Commonwealth of Virginia" (FRL7648-4) received on April 20, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7183. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Reclassification, San Joaquin Valley Nonattainment Area; California" (FRL7648-8) received on April 20, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7184. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conditional Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Michigan: Oxides of Nitrogen Rules" (FRL7647-6) received on April 20, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7185. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination that State has Corrected a Deficiency in the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality" (FRL7650-3) received on April 20, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7186. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Environmental Performance Track Program" (FRL7650-6) received on April 20, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7187. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Section 102 of H.R. 3108"

(Ann. 2004-38) received on April 20, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7188. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure Regarding Market Timing and Selective Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings" (RIN3235-A199) received on April 20, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7189. A communication from the Executive Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's 2003 Annual Program Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7190. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for the Handling of Discrimination Complaints Under Section 6 of the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002" (RIN1218-AC12) received on April 20, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7191. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Inpatient Prospective Payment System; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7192. A communication from Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report of the Attorney General relative to the Foreign Agents Registration Act for the six-month period ending June 30, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7193. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Forms Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of the Immigration Benefit Application Fee Schedule" (RIN1615-AA84) received on April 19, 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. EDWARDS:

S. 2325. A bill to strengthen telehealth programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2326. A bill to modify the optional method of computing net earnings from self-employment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Ms.

COLLINS, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2327. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that per diem payments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the care of veterans in State homes shall not be used to offset or reduce other payments made to assist veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LOTT, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2328. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FRIST, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. MCCONNELL,

Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2329. A bill to protect crime victims' rights; ordered held at the desk.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 2330. A bill for the relief of Hyang Dong Joo; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 2331. A bill for the relief of Fereshteh Sani; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 2332. A bill for the relief of James Symington; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 2333. A bill to prohibit members of criminal street gangs from possessing firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. ALLEN):

S.J. Res. 33. A joint resolution expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 40

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 40, a bill to prohibit products that contain dry ultra-filtered milk products or casein from being labeled as domestic natural cheese, and for other purposes.

S. 344

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 344, a bill expressing the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, and for other purposes.

S. 538

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 538, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, and for other purposes.

S. 560

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 560, a bill to impose tariff-rate quotas on certain casein and milk protein concentrates.

S. 640

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 640, a bill to amend subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to include Federal prosecutors within the definition of a law enforcement officer, and for other purposes.

S. 874

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 874, a bill to amend title XIX

of the Social Security Act to include primary and secondary preventative medical strategies for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease as medical assistance under the medicaid program, and for other purposes.

S. 952

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 952, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the work hours and increase the supervision of resident-physicians to ensure the safety of patients and resident-physicians themselves.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1172, a bill to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1557, a bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Armenia.

S. 1916

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1916, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, to provide for a one-year open season under that plan, and for other purposes.

S. 2099

At the request of Mr. MILLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2099, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.

S. 2100

At the request of Mr. MILLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2100, a bill to amend title 10 United States Code, to increase the amounts of educational assistance for members of the Selected Reserve, and for other purposes.

S. 2212

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors 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. 2236

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2236, a bill to enhance the reliability of the electric system.

S. 2270

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2270, a bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

S. 2275

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2275, a bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) to provide for homeland security assistance for high-risk nonprofit organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 2278

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 2278, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into 3 circuits, and for other purposes.

S. 2311

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2311, a bill to provide for various energy efficiency programs and tax incentives, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 269

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 269, a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt that opened on November 15, 2003.

S. RES. 310

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 310, a resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

S. RES. 334

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 334, a resolution designating May 2004 as National Electrical Safety Month.

AMENDMENT NO. 2649

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2649 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.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2326. A bill to modify the optional method of computing net earnings from self-employment; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I rise today to address an injustice in the Tax Code that is threatening family farmers and other self-employed individuals. A number of my constituents, primarily Wisconsin farmers, have requested Congress's assistance to correct the Tax Code so they can protect their families. The legislation I introduce today, the Farmer Tax Fairness Act of 2004, will solve the problem for today and into the future.

Farming is vital to Wisconsin. Wisconsin's agricultural industry plays a large and important role in the growth and prosperity of the entire State. Wisconsin's status as "America's Dairyland," is central to our State's agriculture industry. Wisconsin's dairy farmers produce approximately 23 billion pounds of milk and 25 percent of the country's butter a year. But Wisconsin's farmers produce much more than milk; they also are national leaders in the production of cheese, potatoes, ginseng, cranberries, various processing vegetables, and many organic foods. So when the hard-working farmers of Wisconsin need help, I will do all I can to assist.

One concern of Wisconsin farmers is that the Tax Code can limit their eligibility for social safety net programs, including old age, survivors, and disability insurance, OASDI, under Social Security and the hospital insurance HI part of Medicare. There programs are paid for through payroll taxes on workers and through the self-employment tax on the income of self-employed individuals. To be eligible for OSADI and HI benefits an individual must be fully insured and must have earned a minimum amount of income in the years immediately preceding the need for coverage. Every year, the Social Security Administration, SSA, sets the amount of earned income that individuals must pay taxes on to earn quarters of coverage, QCs, and maintain their benefits. An individual's eligibility requirements depend upon the age at which death or disability occurs, but for workers over 31 years of age, they must have earned at least 20 QCs within the past 10 years.

Self-employed individuals can have highly variable income, and, particularly for farmers at the whim of Mother Nature, not every year is a good year. During lean years, individuals