

Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, received on December 18, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5785. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, received on December 18, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5786. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, received on December 18, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5787. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Indian Tribal Judgment Funds to be distributed to the Mescalero Apache Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5788. A communication from the Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, a draft bill relative to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5789. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Office of General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupational Education Programs Final Rule" (68 FR 65169) received on January 5, 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5790. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a draft bill entitled the "Judicial Reporting Improvement Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5791. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sale by Federal Departments or Agencies of Chemicals Which Could Be Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Controlled Substances" (RIN1117-AA47) received on December 8, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5792. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2002 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5793. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, Office of Size Standards, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Facilities Support Services (Including Base Maintenance)" (RIN3245-AF03) received on December 8, 2003; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5794. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Government Contracting Programs" (RIN3245-AF07) received on December 8, 2003; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5795. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Information

Regulations" (RIN3245-AE94) received on December 8, 2003; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5796. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans' Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reasonable Charges for Medical Care or Services 2003 Methodology Changes" (RIN2900-AL06) received on December 15, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5797. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans' Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Charges Used for Recovery from Tortiously Liable Third Parties for Medical Care or Services Provided by the Department of Veterans' Affairs" (RIN2900-AL48) received on December 15, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5798. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans' Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans' Appeals: Rules of Practice; Use of Supplemental Statement of the Case" (RIN2900-AL42) received on December 15, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5799. A communication from the Chair, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Travel on Behalf of Candidates and Political Committees" received on December 10, 2003; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-5800. A communication from the Chair, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Travel on Behalf of Candidates and Political Committees" received on December 10, 2003; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-5801. A communication from the Chair, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files" (Notice 2003-25) received on December 10, 2003; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-5802. A communication from the Chair, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files" (Notice 2003-25) received on December 10, 2003; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-5803. A communication from the Public Printer, Government Printing Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Government Printing Office for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of December 9, 2003, the following reports of committees were submitted on January 9, 2004:

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 2005. An original bill to temporarily replace the use by pension plans of the 30-year treasury bond rate with a composite corporate rate, and to establish a commission on defined benefit plans (Rept. No. 108-221).

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1072. A bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-222).

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. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REED, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 2006. A bill to extend and expand the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2003, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2007. A bill to provide better protection against bovine spongiform encephalopathy and other prion diseases; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2008. A bill to amend the Animal Health Protection Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an electronic nationwide livestock identification system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 2009. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to give greater weight to scientific or commercial data that is empirical or has been field-tested or peer-reviewed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. FRIST, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOLINGS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANTORUM,

Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 284. A resolution commemorating the life of William V. Roth, Jr., former member of the United States Senate from the State of Delaware; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 253

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

S. 384

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 384, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent corporate expatriation to avoid United States income taxes.

S. 423

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 623, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 640

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) 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. 683

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 683, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide entitlement to leave to eligible employees whose spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty in support of a contingency operation or notified of an impending call or order to active duty in support of a contingency operation.

S. 698

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr.

HATCH) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 698, a bill to clarify the status of the Young Men's Christian Association Retirement Fund for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

S. 806

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 806, a bill to improve the benefits and protections provided for regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces deployed or mobilized in the interests of the national security of the United States.

S. 857

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 857, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive to individuals teaching in elementary and secondary schools located in rural or high unemployment areas and to individuals who achieve certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and for other purposes.

S. 874

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) 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. 976

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 976, a bill to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

S. 983

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors 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. 1035

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for non-regular service from 60 to 55.

S. 1086

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1086, a bill to repeal provi-

sions of the PROTECT Act that do not specifically deal with the prevention of the exploitation of children.

S. 1105

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1105, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the French Colonial Heritage Area in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to establish an Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1217

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1217, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls.

S. 1218

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1218, a bill to provide for Presidential support and coordination of interagency ocean science programs and development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research and monitoring program.

S. 1298

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1298, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to ensure the humane slaughter of non-ambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1333, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of certain expenses of rural letter carriers.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 1398

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1398, a bill to provide for the environmental restoration of the Great Lakes.