

received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7703. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model C1 600-2B19; Doc. No. 2003-NM157" (RIN2120-AA64) received on May 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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 Florida (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2481. A bill to require that notices to consumers of health and financial services include information on the outsourcing of sensitive personal information abroad, to require relevant Federal agencies to prescribe regulations to ensure the privacy and security of sensitive personal information outsourced abroad, to establish requirements for foreign call centers, and for purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2482. A bill to amend the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 to prohibit the dumping of dredged material in certain bodies of water; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2483. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER (by request):

S. 2484. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to simplify and improve pay provisions for physicians and dentists, to authorize alternate work schedules and executive pay for nurses; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER (by request):

S. 2485. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance the authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the management and disposal of real property and facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) (by request):

S. 2486. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance education, housing, employment, medical, and other benefits for veterans and to improve and extend certain authorities relating to the administration or benefits for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 368. A resolution commending the University of Virginia Cavaliers women's lacrosse team for winning the 2004 NCAA Division I women's lacrosse National Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 44

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 44, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the percentage depletion allowance for certain hardrock mines, and for other purposes.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 875, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to amend the Federal Law Enforcement Pay Reform Act of 1990 to adjust the percentage differentials payable to Federal law enforcement officers in certain high-cost areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs.

S. 1358

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1358, a bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosure of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

S. 1368

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1368, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. (posthumously) and his widow Coretta Scott King in recognition of their contributions to the Nation on behalf of the civil rights movement.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to ensure that prescription drug benefits offered to medicare eligible enrollees in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program are at least equal to the actuarial value of the pre-

scription drug benefits offered to enrollees under the plan generally.

S. 1380

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1380, a bill to distribute universal service support equitably throughout rural America, and for other purposes.

S. 1411

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was withdrawn 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.

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1411, *supra*.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1428, a bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for damages or injunctive relief for claims of injury resulting from a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition related to weight gain or obesity.

S. 1666

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1666, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish comprehensive State diabetes control and prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1873

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1873, a bill to require employees at a call center who either initiate or receive telephone calls to disclose the physical location of such employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1939

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1939, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to ensure that the public is provided adequate notice and education on the effects of exposure to mercury through the development of health advisories and by requiring that such appropriate advisories be posted, or made readily available, at all businesses that sell fresh, frozen, and canned fish and seafood where the potential for mercury exposure exists.

S. 2032

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2032, a bill to provide assistance and security for women and children in Afghanistan and for other purposes.

S. 2212

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name 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. 2324

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2324, a bill to extend the deadline on the use of technology standards for the passports of visa waiver participants.

S. 2351

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2351, a bill to establish a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2351, *supra*.

S. 2363

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2363, a bill to revise and extend the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

S. 2425

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2425, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to allow for improved administration of new shipper administrative reviews.

S. 2434

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 2434, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino Community in Washington, DC, and for other purposes.

S. 2462

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2462, a bill to provide additional assistance to recipients of Federal Pell Grants who are pursuing programs of study in engineering, mathematics, science, or foreign languages.

S. 2480

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2480, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to research and prevent drug impaired driving.

S.J. RES. 36

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 36, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution designating the second week in May each year as "National Visiting Nurse Association Week."

S. CON. RES. 81

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 81, a concurrent resolution expressing the deep concern of Congress regarding the failure of the Islamic Republic of Iran to adhere to its obligations under a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the engagement by Iran in activities that appear to be designed to develop nuclear weapons.

S. CON. RES. 90

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 90, a concurrent resolution expressing the Sense of the Congress regarding negotiating, in the United States-Thailand Free Trade Agreement, access to the United States automobile industry.

S. CON. RES. 106

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 106, a concurrent resolution urging the Government of Ukraine to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for the presidential election on October 31, 2004.

S. RES. 357

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 357, a resolution designating the week of August 8 through August 14, 2004, as "National Health Center Week."

S. RES. 365

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 365, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the detention of Tibetan political prisoners by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

AMENDMENT NO. 3196

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3196 intended to be proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to au-

thorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2481. A bill to require that notices to consumers of health and financial services include information on the outsourcing of sensitive personal information abroad, to require relevant Federal agencies to prescribe regulations to ensure the privacy and security of sensitive personal information outsourced abroad, to establish requirements for foreign call centers, and for purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to express my deep concern about an issue that illustrates the continuing erosion of Americans' privacy rights. My concern is related to the practice of outsourcing. When U.S. companies outsource sensitive customer information for processing overseas, they may be outsourcing our privacy rights along with it.

We all know that recently it has become popular for American companies to send internal paperwork to be done in other countries, by foreign companies.

When a U.S. company allows a foreign company to process customer data, the foreign company may be given access to the most sensitive types of customer information. Our health records, bank account numbers, social security numbers, tax forms, and credit card numbers are now being shipped abroad—without the knowledge of the customer and beyond the reach of U.S. privacy laws.

This phenomenon means that consumers are almost powerless to stop foreign scam artists from misusing their sensitive information. What types of abuses can occur under this scenario?

In one recent shocking example, a U.S. hospital hired a medical transcriber in Pakistan through a subcontractor to work with sensitive patient health information. Later, the foreign worker claimed that she had not been paid for her work.

So, you know what she did? She threatened to post patients' medical records online unless she was paid. Luckily, she got her paycheck and doesn't seem to have posted anything online.

But this situation shows us the potential for gross violations of consumer privacy. The U.S. hospital said that it never even knew that the foreign transcriber had been hired through a subcontractor and it therefore had never bound her contractually to follow any privacy or security standards.