

EC-8939. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations" (RIN2501-AD03) received on August 6, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8940. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility; 69 FR 40324" (Doc. No. FEMA 7835) received on August 6, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8941. A communication from the Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fundamental Change in Asset Composition of a Bank" received on August 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8942. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a determination that allows the Export-Import Bank to provide a guarantee or insurance in support of the sale of defense articles to Colombia upon completion of a 25-day Congressional notification period; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8943. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve covering calendar year 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8944. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to clarify the authorities for the use of certain National Park Service properties within Golden Gate National Recreation Area and San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8945. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2003 Annual Report for Department of the Interior's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8946. A communication from the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Historic Properties" (RIN3010-AA06) received on July 27, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8947. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Threatened Status for the California State Tiger Salamander; and Special Rule Exemption for Existing Routine Ranching Activities; Final Rule" (RIN1018-AI68) received on August 6, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8948. A communication from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a legislative proposal to make revisions to Title II of Public Law 106-248, the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA); to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8949. A communication from the Director, Office of Integrated Analysis and Forecasting, Energy Information Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Adminis-

tration's report entitled "Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States, 2000"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8950. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kentucky Regulatory Program" (KY-216-FOR) received on August 6, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8951. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a letter certifying that groundbreaking for the Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Conversion facilities at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Kentucky and at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Ohio occurred on July 27 and 28, 2004, respectively; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8952. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems and FY 2005 Rates (CMS-1428-F)" (RIN0938-AM80) received on August 6, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2005" (Rept. No. 108-336).

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2005" (Rept. No. 108-337).

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. CHAMBLISS:

S. 2778. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a unified combatant command for military intelligence, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

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; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DAYTON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REID, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2780. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stabilize the amount of the medicare part B premium; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 322

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of

S. 322, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain sightseeing flights from taxes on air transportation.

S. 404

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 404, a bill to protect children from exploitive child modeling, and for other purposes.

S. 1087

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1087, a bill to provide for uterine fibroid research and education, and for other purposes.

S. 1194

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1194, a bill to foster local collaborations which will ensure that resources are effectively and efficiently used within the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1717

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1717, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a National Cord Blood Stem Cell Bank Network to prepare, store, and distribute human umbilical cord blood stems cells for the treatment of patients and to support peer-reviewed research using such cells.

S. 2268

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2268, a bill to provide for recruiting, training, and deputizing persons for the Federal flight deck officer program.

S. 2278

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor 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. 2299

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2299, a bill to strengthen the national security by encouraging and

assisting in the expansion and improvement of educational programs to meet critical needs at the elementary, secondary, and higher education levels.

S. 2338

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TAL-ENT) 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. 2363

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2363, a bill to revise and extend the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

S. 2393

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2393, a bill to improve aviation security.

S. 2437

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2437, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require a voter-verified permanent record or hardcopy under title III of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2526

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2526, a bill to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program.

S. 2568

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor 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. 2593

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2593, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide medicare beneficiaries with access to geriatric assessments and chronic care management, and for other purposes.

S. 2598

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2598, a bill to protect, conserve, and restore public land administered by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service and adjacent land through cooperative cost-shared grants to control and mitigate the spread of invasive species, and for other purposes.

S. 2613

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 2613, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act

to establish a scholarship and loan repayment program for public health preparedness workforce development to eliminate critical public health preparedness workforce shortages in Federal, State, and local public health agencies.

S. 2623

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2623, a bill to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide a 2-year extension of supplemental security income in fiscal years 2005 through 2007 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants.

S. 2671

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2671, a bill to extend temporary State fiscal relief, and for other purposes.

S. 2759

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2759, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to modify the rules relating to the availability and method of redistribution of unexpended SCHIP allotments, and for other purposes.

S. 2761

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2761, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for farmers, ranchers, and fishermen, and for other purposes.

S. 2762

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of S. 2762, a bill to encourage the use of indigenous feedstock from the Caribbean Basin region with respect to ethyl alcohol for fuel use.

S. 2774

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2774, a bill to implement the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 19

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 19, a joint resolution recognizing Commodore John Barry as the first flag officer of the United States Navy.

S. CON. RES. 119

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 119, a concurrent resolu-

tion recognizing that prevention of suicide is a compelling national priority.

S. CON. RES. 128

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 128, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of life insurance, and recognizing and supporting National Life Insurance Awareness Month.

S. CON. RES. 133

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 133, a concurrent resolution declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

S. RES. 387

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 387, a resolution commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 2778. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a unified combatant command for military intelligence, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to establish a unified combatant command for military intelligence within the Department of Defense. This bill is designed to complement several other pieces of intelligence reform legislation that have been, or will be introduced, all of which call for the creation of a National Intelligence Director who will oversee our intelligence community and be separate from the position of Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The very essence of my bipartisan bill is to bridge the gap between the National Intelligence Director and the array of military intelligence entities that he or she will have to deal with, either through direct budget authority or coordination with to ensure all of our intelligence priorities are being properly resourced. The goal of my bill is to make the National Intelligence Director as effective as possible, ensure our military men and women get the best intelligence possible when they are risking their lives to protect our freedoms, and to better integrate our military and civilian intelligence officials into one team.

Let me explain the rationale for this bill and how it will help strengthen the overall intelligence collection and analysis of the United States.

Currently, there are 15 recognized members of the Intelligence Community, eight of which are in the Department of Defense. The Department of