

Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Stall Reservations at Import Quarantine Facilities" (Doc. No. 02-024-2) received on October 4, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4191. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Indian Fruit Fly; Regulated Articles" (Doc. No. 04-127-2) received on October 4, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4192. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report to Congress on Federal Government Energy Management and Conservation Programs, Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4193. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Lease Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4194. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Royalty Payment and Royalty and Production Reporting Requirements Relief for Federal Oil and Gas Lessees Affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita" (RIN1010-AD28) received on October 4, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4195. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's 2005 Annual Report; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4196. A communication from the Associate Legal Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, received on September 28, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4197. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Materials Derived from Cattle in Human Food and Cosmetics" (RIN0910-AF47) received on October 4, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4198. A communication from the Senior Regulatory Officer, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Industries in American Samoa" received on October 4, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4199. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's 2004 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4200. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Stock Held by Foreign Insurance Companies" (RIN1545-BD27) received on October 5, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4201. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations, Inter-

nal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice Section 1.367(a)-8 Revisions" (Not. 2005-74) received on October 5, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4202. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: Research Credit, Qualified Research Expenses" (UILL41.51-01) received on October 5, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4203. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2005-2006 Per Diem Rates" (Rev. Proc. 2005-67) received on October 5, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4204. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Country of Origin of Textile and Apparel Products" (RIN1505-AB60) received on October 4, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4205. 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; Health Care Infrastructure Improvement Program: Selection Criteria of Loan Program for Qualifying Hospitals Engaged in Cancer-Related Health Care" (RIN0938-AO03) received on October 4, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4206. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period ending September 30, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4207. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Impact of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act for calendar years 2003 and 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4208. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Andean Trade Preference Act for calendar year 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4209. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Provision of Information to Cooperative Agreement Holders" (DFARS Case 2004-D025) received on October 4, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4210. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Multiyear Contracting" (DFARS Case 2004-D024) received on October 4, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4211. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, revisions to the Fiscal Year 2006 Annual Materials Plan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4212. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding federal funding to institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4213. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Tech-

nology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2005 report on the performance of commercial activities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4214. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, authorization of Major General Stephen R. Lorenz, United States Air Force, to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4215. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, authorization of Major General Frank G. Klotz, United States Air Force, to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4216. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, authorization of Major General Gary L. North, United States Air Force, to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4217. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, authorization of Major General Douglas M. Fraser, United States Air Force, to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4218. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, authorization of Major General Ann E. Dunwoody, United States Army, to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4219. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, authorization of Lieutenant General Duncan J. McNabb, United States Air Force, to wear the insignia of the grade of general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4220. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, authorization of Lieutenant General William S. Wallace, United States Army, to wear the insignia of the grade of general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

\*Santanu K. Baruah, of Oregon, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

\*H. Dale Hall, of New Mexico, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

\*Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2010.

\*George M. Gray, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

\*Lyons Gray, of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to

respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

#### 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. KOHL (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1826. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to encourage employers to offer flexible and phased work opportunities to older workers, to expand the credit for dependent care expenses to cover eldercare expenses, to extend COBRA coverage for certain older workers who lose health insurance coverage due to a reduction in work, to improve older workers' access to job training services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1827. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the public disclosure of charges for certain hospital services and drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1828. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve and secure an adequate supply of influenza vaccine; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) (by request):

S. 1829. A bill to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. AKAKA) (by request):

S. 1830. A bill to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) (by request):

S. 1831. A bill to convey certain submerged land to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1832. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease oil and gas resources underlying Fort Reno, Oklahoma, to establish the Fort Reno Management Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 1833. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for health opportunity accounts under the Medicaid Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 1834. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to States for affordable housing for low-income persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1835. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to purchase certain essential mineral rights and resolve natural resource damage liability claims; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CARPER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1836. A bill to provide for reconstruction, replacement, and improvement of infrastructure in the Gulf Coast Region; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1837. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1838. A bill to provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1839. A bill to authorize additional judgeships for the middle district and southern district of Florida; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1840. A bill to amend section 340B of the Public Health Service Act to increase the affordability of inpatient drugs for Medicaid and safety net hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1841. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide extended and additional protection to Medicare beneficiaries who enroll for the Medicare prescription drug benefit during 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1842. A bill to provide assistance to rebuild communities, schools, and hospitals damaged by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1843. A bill to establish a strong Federal officer appointed by the President focused exclusively on the official and effective use of Federal resources in southeast Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1844. A bill to provide for full and open competition for Federal contracts related to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita reconstruction efforts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1845. 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 2 circuits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1846. A bill to provide assistance to rebuild communities, schools, and hospitals damaged by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1847. A bill to provide assistance to rebuild hospitals damaged by Hurricane

Katrina or Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 1848. A bill to promote remediation of inactive and abandoned mines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1849. A bill for the relief of Gisele Goldberg Schexnider; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1850. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to accelerate the availability of various income tax credits providing incentives for energy incentive products and practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1851. A bill to amend section 30123 of title 49, United States Code, to require replacement tires for passenger vehicles to meet the standards required for tires on new vehicles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1852. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the incentive to purchase larger and luxury motor vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1853. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to require Federal agencies to take certain actions to reduce employee vehicle consumption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1854. A bill to prohibit price gouging for commodities and services sold during national emergency situations; 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. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 268. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to honor sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. Res. 269. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" should be established; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 270. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the International Monetary Fund should investigate whether China is manipulating the rate of exchange between the Chinese yuan and the United States dollar; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Con. Res. 57. A concurrent resolution recognizing the contributions of African-American basketball teams and players for their achievements, dedication, and contributions to the sport of basketball and the Nation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.