

EC-4276. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-172, "Brentwood Retail Center Real Property Tax Exemption Temporary Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4277. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-173, "District of Columbia Bus Shelter Temporary Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4278. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-182, "Dog Park Establishment Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4279. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-183, "District of Columbia Emancipation Day Alternate Date Temporary Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4280. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-184, "Income Withholding Transfer and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4281. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on grants streamlining and standardization; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4282. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidelines for Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reporting" (RIN1901-AB11) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4283. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil And Gas Leasing; Geothermal Resources Leasing; Coal Management; Management of Solid Minerals Other than Coal; Mineral Materials Disposal; and Mining Claims Under the General Mining Laws (Cost Recovery)" (RIN1004-AC64) received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4284. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report describing the efforts undertaken by the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) during Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4285. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Annual Report for Fiscal Years 2003 and 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4286. A communication from the Chairman, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Procurement After Adarand"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4287. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the

designation of an acting officer for the position of United States Attorney/Western District of Oklahoma, received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4288. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of United States Attorney/Western District of Tennessee, received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4289. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of United States Attorney/Southern District of West Virginia, received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4290. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of First Assistant, received on October 11, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4291. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4292. A communication from the President, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of the Personnel Demonstration Project timeline expiration (October 31, 2005) for a period of two years; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-4293. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report in response to the Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Commission's Report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4294. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Gerald L. Hoewing, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4295. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael A. Hough, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4296. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of General Kevin P. Byrnes, United States Army, and the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 206. A bill to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-144).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 242. A bill to establish 4 memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas (Rept. No. 109-145).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 584. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to allow the continued occupancy and use of certain land and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park (Rept. No. 109-146).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 652. A bill to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin (Rept. No. 109-147).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 895. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents (Rept. No. 109-148).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 955. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin (Rept. No. 109-149).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 958. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail (Rept. No. 109-150).

S. 1154. A bill to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-151).

S. 1238. A bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-152).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1627. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to evaluate resources along the coastal region of the State of Delaware and to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System in Delaware (Rept. No. 109-153).

H.R. 126. A bill to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore (Rept. No. 109-154).

H.R. 539. A bill to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System (Rept. No. 109-155).

H.R. 584. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior (Rept. No. 109-156).

H.R. 606. A bill to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California (Rept. No. 109-157).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ENZI for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

*Mark S. Schneider, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics for a term expiring June 21, 2009.

*Bertha K. Madras, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

*Diane Rivers, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2009.

*Sandra Frances Ashworth, of Idaho, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2009.

*Jan Cellucci, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2009.

*Christine M. Griffin, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

*Naomi Churchill Earp, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2010.

*Mark Hofflund, of Idaho, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for the remainder of the term expiring September 3, 2008.

*John O. Agwunobi, of Florida, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the qualifications therefore as provided by law and regulations.

*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. KERRY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 1887. A bill to authorize the conduct of small projects for the rehabilitation or removal of dams; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1888. A bill to provide for 2 programs to authorize the use of leave by caregivers for family members of certain individuals performing military service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 1889. A bill to establish the Comprehensive Entitlement Reform Commission; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1890. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny a deduction for certain fines, penalties, and other amounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1891. A bill to authorize the leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1892. A bill to amend Public Law 107-153 to modify a certain date; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1893. A bill to permit biomedical research corporations to engage in certain financings and other transactions without incurring limitations on net operating loss carryforwards and certain built-in losses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1894. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for the making of foster care maintenance payments to private for-profit agencies; considered and passed.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 1895. A bill to return meaning to the Fifth Amendment by limiting the power of eminent domain; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1896. A bill to permit access to Federal crime information databases by educational agencies for certain purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 1897. A bill to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and related laws to strengthen the protection of native biodiversity and ban clearcutting on Federal land, and to designate certain Federal land as Ancient forests, roadless areas, watershed protection areas, and special areas where logging and other intrusive activities are prohibited; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. REID, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 280. A resolution supporting "Lights On Afterschool", a national celebration of after school programs; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 281. A resolution honoring and thanking James Patrick Rohan; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. Con. Res. 59. A concurrent resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the White House Fellows Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 385

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.

385, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to restore integrity to and strengthen payment limitation rules for commodity payments and benefits.

S. 513

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 513, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 769

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to enhance compliance assistance for small businesses.

S. 859

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 859, 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. 1016

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1016, a bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to make incentive payments to the owners or operators of qualified desalination facilities to partially offset the cost of electrical energy required to operate the facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to enhance the ability to produce fruits and vegetables on covered commodity base acres.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum update for physicians' services for 2006 and 2007.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1120, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States by half by 2010, and for other purposes.

S. 1139

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1139, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture to regulate the pet industry.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN)