

to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4781. 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 "Medical Devices; General and Plastic Surgery Devices; Classification of the Low Energy Ultrasound Wound Cleaner" (Docket No. 2005P-0366) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4782. 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 "Federal Enforcement in Group and Individual Health Insurance Markets" (RIN0938-AN35) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4783. 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; Hospice Care Amendments" (RIN0938-AJ36) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4784. 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; Electronic Submission of Medicare Claims" (RIN0938-AM22) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4785. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Buy American Act Report covering fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4786. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—December 2005" (Rev. Rul. 2005-77) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4787. A communication from the Unit Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Reduction of Penalty for Understating Tax by Adequate Disclosure of an Item on Return" (Rev. Proc. 2005-75) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4788. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Market Segment Specialization Paper: Audit Technique Guide—Retail Industry" received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4789. A communication from the Regulatory Officer, Directives and Regulations Branch, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Travel Management; Designated Routes and Areas for Motor Vehicle Use; Final" (RIN0596-AC11) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4790. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tralkoxydim; Pesticide Tolerance"

(FRL7722-6) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4791. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding the future of Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4792. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Energy Savings Performance Contracts"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4793. A communication from the Director, Office of Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Buy American Act Report for fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4794. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Energy Review 2004"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4795. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application Procedures, Execution and Filing of Forms: Correction of State Office Address for Filings and Recordings, Proper Offices for Recording of Mining Claims" (RIN1004-AD77) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4796. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law the report of a rule entitled "North Dakota Regulatory Program" (ND-048-FOR) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4797. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law the report of a rule entitled "Illinois Regulatory Program" (IL-103-FOR) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4798. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law the report of a rule entitled "Alaska Regulatory Program" (AK-006-FOR) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4799. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Cuban Emigration Policies"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4800. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Taiwan and Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4801. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to France, Austria, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4802. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended,

the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 05-277-05-290); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and the nominations were placed on the Executive Calendar:

Michael Joseph Copps, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2005.

Deborah Taylor Tate, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2007.

#### 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:

S. 2084. A bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue regulations concerning the safety and labeling of portable generators; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2085. A bill to provide a supplemental payment to assist agricultural producers in mitigating increasing input costs, including energy and fertilizer costs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 2086. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of compensation for purposes of determining the limits on contributions to individual retirement accounts and annuities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 2087. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the employment of foreign agricultural workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2088. A bill to assist low-income families, displaced from their residences in the States of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi as a result of Hurricane Katrina, by establishing within the Department of Housing and Urban Development a homesteading initiative that offers displaced low-income families the opportunity to purchase a home owned by the Federal Government and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 2089. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the "Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2090. A bill for the relief of Ibrahim Parlak; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 2091. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain servicemembers to become eligible for educational assistance under the Montgomery

GI Bill; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2092. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to authorize review by the Joint Committee on Tax of Federal income tax returns of United States Supreme Court nominees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2093. A bill to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to provide funds for training in tribal leadership, management, and policy, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

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

S. 2094. A bill to reauthorize certain provisions relating to Indian tribal justice systems; considered and passed.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 2095. A bill to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peace-keeping operations in 2005 and 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 521

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 521, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish, promote, and support a comprehensive prevention, research, and medical management referral program for hepatitis C virus infection.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 707, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 716

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 716, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of bereavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 737

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 737, a bill to amend the USA PATRIOT ACT to place reasonable limitations on the use of surveillance and the issuance of search warrants, and for other purposes.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to allow Congress,

State legislatures, and regulatory agencies to determine appropriate laws, rules, and regulations to address the problems of weight gain, obesity, and health conditions associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1100

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1100, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide capital gains treatment for certain self-created musical works.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) 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. 1313

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1313, a bill to protect homes, small businesses, and other private property rights, by limiting the power of eminent domain.

S. 1508

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1508, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1538, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools.

S. 1687

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1687, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

S. 1733

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to establish pilot projects under the medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to utilize home monitoring and communications technologies.

S. 1791

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1791, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified timber gains.

S. 1801

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

1801, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1841

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 1881

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1881, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco otherwise known as the "Granite Lady", and for other purposes.

S. 1952

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1952, a bill to provide grants for rural health information technology development activities.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1991, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a financial assistance program to facilitate the provision of supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing, and for other purposes.

S. 2075

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2075, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

S. 2076

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2076, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide to assistant United States attorneys the same retirement benefits as are afforded to Federal law enforcement officers.