

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on entitlement transfers of basic educational assistance to eligible dependents under the Montgomery GI Bill; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1527. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Controls Over the Export Licensing Process for Chemical and Biological Items"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1528. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation of the Voting Assistance Program"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1529. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation that would amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and in one instance the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1530. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation that would amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1531. 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 "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans: State of Iowa" (FRL No. 7892-1) received on April 4, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1532. 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 "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans: State of Maryland; Revised Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds" (FRL No. 7891-3) received on April 4, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1533. 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 "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans and Operating Permits Program: State of Nebraska" (FRL No. 7894-1) received on April 4, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1534. 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 "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans: District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania; Revised Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plans for Washington Metropolitan, Baltimore and Philadelphia Areas" (FRL No. 7894-4) received on April 4, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1535. 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 "Approval of Revisions and Notice of Resolution of Deficiency for Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program in Texas" (FRL No. 7892-6) received on April 4, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1536. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Implementation Plans under the Clean Air Act for Indian Reservations in Idaho, Oregon and Washington" (FRL No. 7893-8) received on April 4, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1537. 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 "Limited Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Excess Emissions During Startup, Shutdown and Malfunction Activities" (FRL No. 7892-7) received on April 4, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1538. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Heritage Assets and Stewardship Land"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1539. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Fiscal Year 2004 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1540. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report for fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1541. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report regarding compliance in the calendar year 2004 with the Government in Sunshine Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1542. A communication from the Deputy Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Sunshine Act Report for 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1543. A communication from the Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presidential Records Act Procedures" received on April 4, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1544. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-01" (FAC 2005-1) received on March 24, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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. HATCH):

S. 739. A bill to require imported explosives to be marked in the same manner as domestically manufactured explosives; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY,

Mr. KERRY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 740. A bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to expand or add coverage of pregnant women under the Medicaid and State children's health insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 741. A bill to provide for the disposal of certain Forest Service administrative sites in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. REED):

S. 742. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antibiotics used in the treatment of human and animal diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TALENT, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. Con. Res. 25. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the application of Airbus for launch aid; ordered held at the desk.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 185

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for the reduction of certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities by the amount of dependency and indemnity compensation and to modify the effective date for paid-up coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 304

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 304, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals.

S. 337

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 337, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the age and service requirements for eligibility to receive retired pay for non-regular service, to expand certain authorities to

provide health care benefits for Reservists and their families, and for other purposes.

S. 362

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 362, a bill to establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard to help identify, determine sources of, assess, reduce, and prevent marine debris and its adverse impacts on the marine environment and navigation safety, in coordination with non-Federal entities, and for other purposes.

S. 495

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 495, a bill to impose sanctions against perpetrators of crimes against humanity in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 537, a bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes.

S. 619

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 619, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, 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. 737

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors 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. CON. RES. 17

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 17, a concurrent resolution calling on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to assess the potential effectiveness of and require-

ments for a NATO-enforced no-fly zone in the Darfur region of Sudan.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 739. A bill to require imported explosives to be marked in the same manner as domestically manufactured explosives; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today with Senator HATCH to introduce the Imported Explosives Identification Act of 2005. This legislation would require imported explosives include unique identifying markings, just like explosives made here at home.

Domestic manufacturers are required to place identification markings on all explosive materials they produce, enabling law enforcement officers to determine the source of explosives found at a crime scene—an important crime solving tool. Yet, these same identifying markings are not required of those explosives manufactured overseas and imported into our country. Our legislation would simply treat imported explosives just like those manufactured in the United States by requiring all imported explosives to carry the same identifying markings currently placed on domestic explosives.

This is not a radical idea. We already have similar requirements for firearms. For years, importers and manufacturers have been required to place a unique serial number and other identifying information on each firearm. This is a common sense security measure that we have imposed on manufacturers and importers of firearms. There is no reason not to do the same with respect to dangerous explosives.

These markings can be a tremendously useful tool for law enforcement officials, enabling investigators to quickly follow the trail of the explosives after they entered the country. According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, ATF, marked explosives can be tracked through records kept by those who manufacture and sell them, often leading them to the criminal who has stolen or misused them. At a Senate hearing last year, even FBI Director Mueller recognized the usefulness of markings, saying they “are helpful to the investigator . . . who is trying to identify the source of that explosive.” Failing to close this loophole unnecessarily impedes law enforcement efforts and poses a significant security risk, and closing it is simple. This bill fixes this problem by requiring the name of the manufacturer, along with the time and date of manufacture, to be placed on all explosives materials, imported and domestic.

ATF first sought to fill this gap in the regulation of explosives when it published a notice of a proposed rulemaking in November 2000. Now, more

than 4 years later, this rulemaking still has not been completed. Just last week, ATF again missed its self-imposed deadline for finalizing the rule.

Each year, thousands of pounds of stolen, lost, or abandoned explosives are recovered by law enforcement. When explosives are not marked, they cannot be quickly and effectively traced for criminal enforcement purposes. Each day we delay closing this loophole, we let more untraceable explosive materials cross our borders, jeopardizing our security. Failure to address this very straightforward issue unnecessarily hinders law enforcement’s efforts to keep us safe. Because ATF and the Department of Justice have not closed this loophole in a timely manner, it is now incumbent upon us to act.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 740. A bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to expand or add coverage of pregnant women under the medicaid and State children’s health insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce bipartisan legislation with Senators LUGAR, LINCOLN, MURRAY, KERRY, CANTWELL, KOHL, LAUTENBERG, BOXER and CORZINE. This legislation, entitled the “Start Healthy, Stay Healthy Act of 2005,” would significantly reduce the number of uninsured pregnant women and newborns by expanding coverage to pregnant women through Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, and to newborns through the first full year of life.

Today is World Health Day 2005 and the message this year is “Make Every Mother and Child Count”. I can think of no better way to honor our Nation’s mothers and children than to increase their access to health care services and improve their overall health.

According to a recent report by Save the Children entitled “The State of the World’s Mothers,” the United States fares no better than 11th in the world. Why is this? According to the report, “The United States earned its 11th place rank this year based on several factors: One of the key indicators used to calculate the well-being for mothers is lifetime risk of maternal mortality. . . . Canada, Australia, and all the Western and Northern European countries in the study performed better than the United States in this indicator.”

The study adds, “Similarly, the United States did not do as well as the top 10 countries with regard to infant mortality rates.”

In fact, the United States ranks 21st in maternal mortality and 28th in infant mortality, the worst among developed nations. We should and must do