

Program" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1941. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Teaching American History—Notice of Final Selection Criteria and Other Application Requirements" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1942. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities Program—Final Regulations" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1943. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Final Priorities—Comprehensive School Reform Quality Initiative" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1944. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Service, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Final Priorities, Requirements, Definitions, and Selection Criteria—Smaller Learning Communities Programs—Special Competition" received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1945. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rights-of-Way Under the Federal Land Policy Management Act and Rights-of-Way Under the Mineral Leasing Act" (RIN1004-AC74) received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1946. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Establishment of an Additional Manatee Protection Area in Lee County, Florida" (RIN1018-AT65) received on April 22, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-56. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Togus, Maine, is the oldest facility operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in the country, having been operated in 1866; and

Whereas the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center provides general medical, surgical and mental health services to our nation's veterans; and

Whereas the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center is the only United States Depart-

ment of Veterans Affairs medical center in Maine, a large and rural state; and

Whereas the State of Maine has a large population of military veterans, with more returning from Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere around the globe every day; and

Whereas a cut in funding for the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center would be devastating to the medical center's ability to provide basic health care services to our nation's veterans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, your memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Congress support the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center as a vital resource in serving our nation's military veterans and providing veterans in Maine with much-needed and deserved health care services accessible from all points in the State; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, to the President of the Senate of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 728. A bill to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-61).

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 907. An original bill to amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to improve the Nation's public transportation and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

*Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be United States Trade Representative, with rank of Ambassador.

By Mr. CRAIG for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Johnathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

*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. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 900. A bill to reinstate the Federal Communications Commission's rules for the description of video programming; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 901. A bill to provide States that meet certain requirements with waivers of the adequate yearly progress provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARTINEZ:

S. 902. A bill to amend the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to clarify the exemption for recreational vessel support employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 903. A bill to provide for the correction of a certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System map; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 904. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1560 Union Valley Road in West Milford, New Jersey, as the "Brian P. Parrello Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 905. A bill for the relief of Heilit Martinez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 906. A bill to promote wildland firefighter safety; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 907. An original bill to amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to improve the Nation's public transportation and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. McCONNELL:

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; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 909. A bill to expand eligibility for governmental markers for marked graves of veterans at private cemeteries; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 910. A bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Ms. COLLINS):

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution honoring the life and legacy of Frederick William Augustus von Steuben and recognizing his contributions on the 275th anniversary of his birth; 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. HATCH (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs.

HUTCHISON, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 123. A resolution designating April 30, 2005, as "Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 124. A resolution recognizing the importance of increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders, supporting programs for increased research and improved treatment of autism, and improving training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. DAYTON):

S. Res. 125. A resolution commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers women's ice hockey team for winning the 2004-2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Hockey Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. CHAFFEE):

S. Con. Res. 28. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress on World Intellectual Property Day regarding the importance of protecting intellectual property rights globally; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations.

S. 337

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) 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 Reserves and their families, and for other purposes.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin

(Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 433

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 433, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and implement standards for the operation of non-scheduled, commercial air carrier (air charter) and general aviation operations at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

S. 438

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 438, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 495

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) 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. 544

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 544, a bill to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely effect patient safety.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make their land available for access by the public under programs administered by States and tribal governments.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 582, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock

Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

S. 589

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 589, a bill to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays.

S. 594

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to amend section 1114 of title 11, United States Code, to preserve the health benefits of certain retired miners.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors 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. 658

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 658, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit human cloning.

S. 659

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 659, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human chimeras.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 728

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 728, a bill to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 765

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 765, a bill to preserve mathematics- and science-based industries in the United States.

S. 852

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 852, a bill to