

EC-207. A communication from the Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Fiscal Year 2004 Performance and Accountability; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-208. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Fiscal Year 2004 performance and accountability; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-209. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2004, through September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-210. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2004, through September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-211. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-212. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1978; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-213. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2004, through September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-214. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2004, through September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-215. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report and the report of the Office of the Inspector General for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-216. A communication from the Director, Financial Management, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2004 annual report of the Comptrollers' General Retirement System; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-217. A communication from the Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Records Management; Unscheduled Records" (RIN3095-AB41); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-218. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-219. A communication from the Director of Administration, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability

Report for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-220. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-221. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Auditor's Examination of Personnel Process Used to Fill a Vacant Position in the Emergency Medical Services"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-222. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Responses to Specific Questions Regarding the District's Proposed Baseball Stadium"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-223. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Reports for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-224. A communication from the Acting Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the 2004 Inventory of Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-225. A communication from the President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-226. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2004 Performance Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-227. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

*Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

*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. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CARPER, Mr. FRIST, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 5. A bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 21. A bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. DODD):

S. 39. A bill to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 145. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the naval forces of the Navy to include not less than 12 operational aircraft carriers; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 146. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 147. A bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 148. A bill to establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 149. A bill for the relief of Ziad Mohamed Shaban Khweis, Heyam Ziad Khweis, and Juman Ziad Khweis; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REED, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 150. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions from electric powerplants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 151. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 152. A bill to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 153. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a resource study of the Rim of the Valley Corridor in the State of California to evaluate alternatives for protecting the resources of the Corridor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 154. A bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. KYL):

S. 155. A bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 156. A bill to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 157. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit interest on Federally guaranteed water, wastewater, and essential community facilities loans to be tax exempt; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 158. A bill to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 159. A bill to eliminate the sunset for the determination of the Federal medical assistance percentage for Alaska; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 160. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of private health insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 161. A bill to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 162. A bill to amend chapter 99 of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to clarify that certain coal industry health benefits may not be modified or terminated; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. 163. A bill to establish the National Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area in the State of Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. 164. A bill to provide for the acquisition of certain property in Washington County, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 165. A bill for the relief of Tchisou Tho; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 166. A bill to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes River Conservancy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 167. A bill to provide for the protection of intellectual property rights, and for other purposes; 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. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. INOUE):

S. Res. 10. A resolution honoring the life of Johnny Carson; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. Res. 11. A resolution honoring the service of Reverend Lloyd Ogilvie; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 12. A resolution commending the University of Southern California Trojans football team for winning the 2004 Bowl Championship Series national championship game; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. ENZI):

S. Con. Res. 4. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Department of Defense should continue to exercise its statutory authority to support the activities of the Boy Scouts of America, in particular the periodic national and world Boy Scout Jamborees; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Con. Res. 5. A concurrent resolution congratulating the people of Ukraine for conducting a democratic, transparent, and fair runoff presidential election on December 26, 2004, and congratulating Viktor Yushchenko on his election as President of Ukraine and his commitment to democracy and reform; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 8

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 8, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 14

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 14, a bill to provide fair wages for America's workers, to create new jobs through investment in America, to provide for fair trade and competitiveness, and for other purposes.

S. 15

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to improve education for all students, and for other purposes.

S. 16

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 16, a bill to reduce to the cost of quality health care coverage and improve the availability of health care coverage for all Americans.

S. 19

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 19, a bill to reduce budget deficits by restoring budget enforcement and strengthening fiscal responsibility.

S. 20

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 20, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce the number of abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 27

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 27, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes.

S. 50

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 50, a bill to authorize and strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program, and for other purposes.

S. 51

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed regarding the pain experienced by their unborn child.

S. 57

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000.