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EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2042. A communication from the Inspector General, Selective Service System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semi-annual report relative to the Selective Service System's compliance with the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2043. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Chief Human Capital Officers Council Fiscal Year 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2044. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NARA Facility Locations and Hours" (RIN3095-AB47) received on May 5, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2045. A communication from the 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 2005-03" (FAC 2005-03) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2046. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-70, "Carver 2000 Low-Income and Senior Housing Project Temporary Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2047. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-69, "Finance and Revenue Technical Corrections Temporary Amendment Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2048. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-68, "Fiscal Year 2005 Operating Cash Reserve Allocation Temporary Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2049. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-67, "Closing, Dedication, and Designation of Public Streets and Alleys in Squares 5246, 5272, 5273, 5276, 5277, 5279, 5280, and 5281, S.O. 02-4088 Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2050. A communication submitted jointly from the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pur-

suant to law, a report entitled "Biomass Research and Development Initiative for Fiscal Year 2003"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2051. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "7 CFR Part 1770, Accounting Requirements for RUS Telecommunications Borrowers" (RIN0572-AB77) received on May 4, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2052. 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 "Dimethenamid: Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 7713-4) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2053. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Borrower Rights" (RIN3052-AC24) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2054. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. FV05-932-1 FR) received May 4, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2055. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Add Malaysia to List of Regions in Which Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Subtype H5N1 is Considered to Exist" (APHIS Docket No. 04-091-1) received on May 4, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2056. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Brucellosis in Swine; Add Florida to List of Validated Brucellosis-Free States" (APHIS Docket No. 05-009-1) received on May 4, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2057. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2058. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conversion of Insured Credit Unions to Mutual Savings Banks" (12 CFR Part 708a) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2059. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Egypt Economic Report for 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2060. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2061. A communication from the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of

State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Engendering Bold Leadership: The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2062. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an interim rule entitled "Aliens Inadmissible Under the Immigration and Nationality Act—Unlawful Voters" ((RIN1400-AC04) (22 CFR Part 40)) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2063. 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-2064. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Operation of the Enterprise for the Americas Facility and the Tropical Forest Conservation Act"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2065. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Tobacco Prevention and Control Activities in the United States, 2000-2002"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2066. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2004 Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act Financial Report"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2067. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance Improvement 2004: Evaluation Activities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2068. A communication from the Chair, Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the activities of the Goldwater Foundation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2069. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a report of proposed legislation relative to the Railroad Retirement Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2070. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, received on May 4, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2071. 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 "Color Additives Certification; Increase in Fees for Certification Services" (Docket No. 2005N-0077) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2072. 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 "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Glycerol Ester of Gum Rosin" (Docket No. 2003F-0471) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2073. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amending the Regulations Governing Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Race, Color, National Origin, Handicap, Sex, and Age to Conform to the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987" (RIN0991-AB10) received on May 8, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

Report to accompany S. 250, a bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act (Rept. No. 109-65).

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 Ms. SNOWE:

S. 984. A bill to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Policy Coordination Act of 1988 to clarify the definition of manipulation with respect to currency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 985. A bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish kinship guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 986. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants for the support of full-service community schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 987. A bill to restore safety to Indian women; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. VITTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. AL-LARD):

S. 988. A bill to permanently repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 989. A bill to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred; read the first time.

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

S. 990. A bill to provide a grant program to support the establishment and operation of

Teachers Professional Development Institutes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 991. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to limit the availability of benefits under an employer's nonqualified deferred compensation plans in the event that any of the employer's defined benefit pension plans are subjected to a distress or PBGC termination in connection with bankruptcy reorganization or a conversion to a cash balance plan, to provide appropriate funding restrictions in connection with the maintenance of nonqualified deferred compensation plans, and to provide for appropriate disclosure with respect to nonqualified deferred compensation plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 992. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to eliminate the consumptive demand exception relating to the importation of goods made with forced labor; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 993. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on amounts received under certain insurance policies in which certain exempt organizations hold an interest; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. OBAMA, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S.J. Res. 18. A joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. Res. 135. A resolution congratulating the National Asphalt Pavement Association on its 50th anniversary and recognizing the contributions of members of the Association to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. Con. Res. 31. A concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1268; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

S. 45

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 45, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices, and for other purposes.

S. 151

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

S. 224

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 224, a bill to extend the period for COBRA coverage for victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

S. 260

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 260, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore, enhance, and manage private land to improve fish and wildlife habitats through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 337

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) 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. 347

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 347, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title III of the Public Health Service Act to improve access to information about individuals' health care operations and legal rights for care near the end of life, to promote advance care planning and decision-making so that individuals' wishes are known should they become unable to speak for themselves, to engage health care providers in disseminating information about and assisting in the preparation of advance directives, which include living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care, and for other purposes.

S. 365

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 365, a bill to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes.