

EC-2616. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General and the Postal Service management response to the report for the period ending March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2617. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report and Management's Report for the period ending March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2618. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report on Audit Follow-Up covering the period of October 1, 2004 through March 31 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2619. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2620. A communication from the Chairman, National Science Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Science Foundation (NSF) Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period from October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005 and reports on final actions on audits prepared by NSF management and approved by the National Science Board; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2621. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2622. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of the School Transit Subsidy Program Administered by the District of Columbia Department of Transportation"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2623. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law the report of a rule entitled "5 CFR Parts 1600, 1601, 1604, 1605 1606, 1620, 1640, 1645, 1650, 1651, 1653, 1655, and 1690, Various Changes to the Thrift Savings Plan" received on June 14, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2624. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2004 Annual Report for the Department's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2625. A communication from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the impacts of the Compacts of Free Association with the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 1230. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the extension of the Highway Trust Fund and the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund expenditure authority and related taxes and to provide for excise tax reform and simplification, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-82).

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:

S. 1230. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the extension of the Highway Trust Fund and the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund expenditure authority and related taxes and to provide for excise tax reform and simplification, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

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

S. 1231. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to modify provisions relating to the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1232. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to increase production and use of renewable fuel and to increase the energy independence of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1233. A bill for the relief of Diana Gecaj Engstrom; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1234. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1235. A bill to amend chapters 19 and 37 of title 38, United States Code, to extend the availability of \$400,000 in coverage under the servicemembers' life insurance and veterans' group life insurance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BOND, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1236. A bill to ensure the availability of spectrum to amateur radio operators; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1237. A bill to expedite the transition to digital television while helping consumers to continue to use their analog televisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1238. A bill to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1990 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1239. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to permit the Indian Health Service, an Indian tribe, a tribal or-

ganization, or an urban Indian organization to pay the monthly part D premium of eligible medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1240. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an investment tax credit for the purchase of trucks with new diesel engine technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1241. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on fixed ratio speed changers for truck-mounted concrete mixers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1242. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on lutetium oxide; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1243. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on triethylene glycol bis[3-(3-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)propionate]; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1244. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term needs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1245. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on phosphoric acid, lanthanum salt, cerium terbium-doped; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1246. A bill to require the Secretary of Education to revise regulations regarding student loan payment deferment with respect to borrowers who are in postgraduate medical or dental internship, residency, or fellowship programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1247. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a scholarship program to encourage and support students who have contributed substantial public services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1248. A bill to establish a servitude and emancipation archival research clearinghouse in the National Archives; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. Res. 171. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should submit to Congress a report on the time frame for the withdrawal of United States troops from Iraq; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas

(Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 331

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 331, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 440, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the medicaid program.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) 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. 584

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 584, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to allow the continued occupancy and use of certain land and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 637

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 637, a bill to establish a national health program administered by the Office of Personnel Management to offer health benefits plans to individuals who are not Federal employees, and for other purposes.

S. 662

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to reform the postal laws of the United States.

S. 678

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 678, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to exclude

communications over the Internet from the definition of public communication.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 795

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 795, a bill to provide driver safety grants to States with graduated driver licensing laws that meet certain minimum requirements.

S. 883

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 883, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to carry out activities that promote the adoption of technologies that reduce greenhouse gas intensity in developing countries, while promoting economic development, and for other purposes.

S. 887

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 887, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out activities that promote the adoption of technologies that reduce greenhouse gas intensity and to provide credit-based financial assistance and investment protection for projects that employ advanced climate technologies or systems, and for other purposes.

S. 926

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. 926, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the credit for producing fuel from a nonconventional source shall apply to gas produced onshore from a formation more than 15,000 feet deep.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 962, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued to finance certain energy projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1010, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1047

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr.

CRAIG), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1047, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of each of the Nation's past Presidents and their spouses, respectively to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, to create a new bullion coin, and for other purposes.

S. 1066

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to authorize the States (and subdivisions thereof), the District of Columbia, territories, and possessions of the United States to provide certain tax incentives to any person for economic development purposes.

S. 1138

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1138, a bill to authorize the placement of a monument in Arlington National Cemetery honoring the veterans who fought in World War II as members of Army Ranger Battalions.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers.

S. 1197

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1197, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 1203

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1203, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the investment in greenhouse gas intensity reduction projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to encourage students to pursue graduate education and to assist students in affording graduate education.

S. 1216

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1216, a bill to require financial institutions and financial service providers to notify customers of the unauthorized use of personal financial information, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 19

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Delaware

(Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 19, a joint resolution calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act.

S. CON. RES. 37

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 37, a concurrent resolution honoring the life of Sister Dorothy Stang.

S. RES. 39

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 39, a resolution apologizing to the victims of lynching and the descendants of those victims for the failure of the Senate to enact anti-lynching legislation.

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 39, supra.

At the request of Mr. REED, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 39, supra.

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 39, supra.

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 39, supra.

S. RES. 104

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 104, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate encouraging the active engagement of Americans in world affairs and urging the Secretary of State to take the lead and coordinate with other governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations in creating an online database of international exchange programs and related opportunities.

S. RES. 154

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 154, a resolution designating October 21, 2005 as "National Mammography Day".

S. RES. 155

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 155,

a resolution designating the week of November 6 through November 12, 2005, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

S. RES. 169

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 169, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to free trade negotiations that could adversely impact consumers of sugar in the United States as well as United States agriculture and the broader economy of the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 771

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 771 intended to be proposed to H.R. 6, a bill Reserved.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 1231. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to modify provisions relating to the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, today I introduce the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education Amendments Act of 2005 to revise the Act.

In 2000, Congress authorized the establishment of a Federally-chartered non-profit foundation to further the educational opportunities for Native American students. This foundation, named the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education, was established in July, 2004 and has the potential for success in providing critical support to Native American students.

The legislation I introduce today will enable the foundation to become self-sufficient by authorizing appropriations for endowment or seed money and authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding for the foundation's operating costs on a reimbursement basis. The legislation authorizes \$5 million each fiscal year 2007 through 2009 and increases the administration cost limit from 10 percent to 15 percent of donations and transferred funds. This bill will also allow the Board to appoint the Chief Operating Officer who will be experienced in Indian education.

Mr. President, this legislation will provide significant improvements for the foundation in its mission of advancing Indian education and I urge my colleagues to join me in this effort. I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1231

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education Amendments Act of 2005".

SEC. 2. NATIONAL FUND FOR EXCELLENCE IN AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION.

Section 501 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 458bbb) is amended—

(1) in subsection (g), by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The officers of the Foundation shall be—

"(A) a chief operating officer, to be appointed in accordance with paragraph (2); and

"(B) any other officers, to be appointed or elected in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the Foundation.

"(2) CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER.—

"(A) APPOINTMENT.—The Board shall appoint a chief operating officer to the Foundation.

"(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The chief operating officer of the Foundation shall—

"(i) demonstrate experience and knowledge in matters relating to—

"(I) education, in general; and

"(II) education of Indians, in particular; and

"(ii) serve at the direction of the Board.";

and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(o) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2009.

"(2) EFFECT ON OTHER FUNDS.—Funds appropriated under paragraph (1) shall not reduce the amount of funds available for any other program relating to Indian education."

SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND SUPPORT.

Section 502 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 458bbb-1) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

"(2) may provide funds—

"(A) to pay the operating costs of the Foundation; and

"(B) to reimburse travel expenses of a member of the Board under section 501; and"

and

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting "operating and" before "travel expenses".

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1233. A bill for the relief of Diana Gecaj Engstrom; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today I and my colleague Senator OBAMA are introducing a private relief bill on behalf of Diana Gecaj Engstrom. This bill would grant legal permanent residency status to Ms. Engstrom.

The Engstrom story is one of service. Both the late Todd Engstrom and his widow, Diana, have spent their professional lives in service of human rights and American ideals. Todd served as a Commander in the United Nations Special Operations Group; Diana worked as a United Nations translator in Kosovo. After their marriage in 2003, Diana filed for legal permanent residency, with the ultimate goal of achieving American citizenship.