

to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2962. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Intermediary Relending Program Direct Final Rule" (RIN0570-AA42) received on June 28, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2963. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avocados Grown in South Florida; Increased Assessment Rate" (FV05-915-1 FR) received on June 28, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2964. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designed Counties in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" (FV05-922-1 IFR) received on June 28, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2965. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Almonds Grown in California; Revision to Requirements Regarding Credit for Promotion and Advertising" (FV05-981-1 IFR) received on June 28, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2966. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Decreased Assessment Rate" (FV05-948-2 IFR) received on June 28, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2967. 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 "Dimethyl Ether; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 7721-1) received on June 28, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2968. 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 "Alpha-cyclodextrin, Beta-cyclodextrin, and Gamma-cyclodextrin; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 7720-9) received on June 28, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2969. 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 "Mexican Fruit Fly; Interstate Movement of Regulated Articles" (APHIS Docket No. 03-059-3) received on June 28, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 364. A bill to establish a program within the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration to integrate Federal coastal and ocean mapping activities (Rept. No. 109-102).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Terry L. Gabreski to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. David G. Ehrhart and ending with Col. Richard C. Harding, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 8, 2005.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Walter L. Sharp to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. John F. Kimmons to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Paulette M. Risher to be Major General.

Marine Corps nomination of Gen. Peter Pace to be General.

Navy nomination of Adm. Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr. to be Admiral.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Albert M. Calland III to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Paul E. Sullivan to be Vice Admiral.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. MARTINEZ:

S. 1386. A bill to exclude from consideration as income certain payments under the national flood insurance program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. REED):

S. 1387. A bill to provide for an update of the Cultural Heritage and Land Management Plan for the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, to extend the authority of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission, to authorize the undertaking of a special resource study of sites and landscape features within the Corridor, and to authorize additional appropriations for the Corridor; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SNOWE:

S. 1388. A bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KYL):

S. 1389. A bill to reauthorize and improve the USA PATRIOT Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1390. A bill to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr.

KERRY, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1391. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the exposure of children, workers, and consumers to toxic chemical substances; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1392. A bill to reauthorize the Federal Trade Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1393. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for reimbursement of certain for-profit hospitals; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. COBURN, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1394. A bill to reform the United Nations, and for other purposes; read the first time.

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

S. 1395. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to provide authority for the Attorney General to authorize the export of controlled substances from the United States to another country for subsequent export from that country to a second country, if certain conditions and safeguards are satisfied; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 197. A resolution to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Trinity Test, the culmination of the Manhattan Project, and to honor the people who made it possible; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

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

S. 37

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 58

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 58, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 151

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) 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. 309

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 392, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) 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. 467

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 467, a bill to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to make the protection of vulnerable populations, especially women and children, who are affected by a humanitarian emergency a priority of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

S. 611

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to establish a Federal

Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. BYRD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend chapter 97 of title 18, United States Code, relating to protecting against attacks on railroads and other mass transportation systems.

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 629, *supra*.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. HATCH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 642, a bill to support certain national youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

S. 676

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 676, a bill to provide for Project GRAD programs, and for other purposes.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to designate certain functions performed at flight service stations of the Federal Aviation Administration as inherently governmental functions, and for other purposes.

S. 784

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 784, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) 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 Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr.

SMITH) 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. 1060

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids.

S. 1076

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1076, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the excise tax and income tax credits for the production of biodiesel.

S. 1082

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1082, a bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.

S. 1103

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1103, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax.

S. 1171

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1171, a bill to halt Saudi support for institutions that fund, train, incite, encourage, or in any other way aid and abet terrorism, and to secure full Saudi cooperation in the investigation of terrorist incidents, and for other purposes.

S. 1180

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1180, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize various programs servicing the needs of homeless veterans for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, and for other purposes.

S. 1197

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1197, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 1240

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1265

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from California

(Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1265, a bill to make grants and loans available to States and other organizations to strengthen the economy, public health, and environment of the United States by reducing emissions from diesel engines.

S. 1283

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1283, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, and for other purposes.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to provide for the collection and maintenance of cord blood units for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Bone Marrow and Cord Blood Cell Transplantation Program to increase the number of transplants for recipients suitable matched to donors of bone marrow and cord blood.

S. 1355

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1355, a bill to enhance the adoption of health information technology and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of healthcare in the United States.

S. 1367

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1367, a bill to provide for recruiting, selecting, training, and supporting a national teacher corps in underserved communities.

S. 1371

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1371, a bill to extend the termination date of Office of the Special Inspector General of Iraq Reconstruction and provide additional funds for the Office, and for other purposes.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to provide increased rail transportation security.

S. RES. 77

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 77, a resolution condemning all acts of terrorism in Lebanon and calling for the removal of Syrian troops from Lebanon and supporting the people of Lebanon in their quest for a truly democratic form of government.

S. RES. 121

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr.

ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 121, a resolution supporting May 2005 as "National Better Hearing and Speech Month" and commending those states that have implemented routine hearing screening for every newborn before the newborn leaves the hospital.

S. RES. 173

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 173, a resolution expressing support for the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 as the blueprint for lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 173, *supra*.

S. RES. 184

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 184, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding manifestations of anti-Semitism by United Nations member states and urging action against anti-Semitism by United Nations officials, United Nations member states, and the Government of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1075

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1075 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1075 proposed to H.R. 2360, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 1112

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1112 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1113

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1113 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1120

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1120 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1124

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1124 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1125

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1125 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1126

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1126 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1128

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1128 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1139

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1139 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1140

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of

amendment No. 1140 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1142

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1142 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1161

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1161 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1162

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1162 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1181

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1181 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1184

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1184 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1189

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1189 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1190

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1190 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1191

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1191 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making ap-

propriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1192

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1192 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1194

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1194 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1206

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1206 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1207

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1207 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1209

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1209 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1210

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1210 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1217

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1217 proposed to H.R. 2360, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 1388. A bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, as Chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I have fought to ensure that small businesses across the country are treated fairly by Federal Government regulations. Unfortunately, in far too many cases, Federal agencies promulgate regulations without adequately addressing the economic impacts on small businesses.

The Regulatory Flexibility Act, RFA, was enacted in 1980 and requires Federal Government agencies to propose rules that keep the regulatory burden at a minimum on small businesses. The RFA requires agencies to analyze the economic impact of proposed regulations when there is likely to be a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

In 1996, I was pleased to support, along with all of my colleagues, the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act, SBREFA, which amended the RFA. The intent of SBREFA was to further curtail the impact of burdensome or duplicative regulations on small businesses, by clarifying key RFA requirements. In September we will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the RFA—a law that is largely working as Congress intended.

Unfortunately, there remain a number of loopholes in the RFA that undermine its effectiveness in reducing these regulatory burdens. To close these loopholes, today I introduce the Regulatory Flexibility Reform Act of 2005, RFRFA. This bill would ensure that Federal agencies conduct a complete analysis of the impacts of Federal regulations, thereby providing small businesses, which represent more than 99 percent of all firms in America and provide up to 75 percent of new jobs each year, with much needed regulatory relief.

Under my legislation agencies must consider the indirect effects of an “economic impact.” Rules with indirect effects are currently exempt from RFA coverage according to well-established case law. This has serious consequences for small businesses. It means a Federal agency can avoid the various analyses required under the RFA by either requiring the States to regulate small entities or regulating an industry so rigorously that it has a negative trickle down impact on other industries.

For example, rules can regulate a handful of large manufacturers in the