

EC-3135. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Securities Offering Reform" (RIN3235-AI11) received on July 20, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3136. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)—Fixed and Floating Platforms and Structures and Documents Incorporated by Reference" (RIN1010-AC85) received on July 18, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BROWNBACK, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1446. An original bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-105).

By Mrs. HUTCHISON, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 2528. A bill making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

\*Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2010.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Coast Guard nomination of Melissa Diaz to be Lieutenant.

Coast Guard nomination of Royce W. James to be Lieutenant.

By Mr. DOMENICI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

\*Mark A. Limbaugh, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

\*R. Thomas Weimer, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

\*James A. Respoli, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

\*David R. Hill, of Missouri, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

\*Jill L. Sigal, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

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

\*Kathie L. Olsen, of Oregon, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation.

By Ms. COLLINS for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

\*Edmund S. Hawley, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

\*Brian David Miller, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration.

\*Richard L. Skinner, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

\*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.

(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. CRAPO (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1440. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1441. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include wireless telecommunications equipment in the definition of qualified technological equipment for purposes of determining the depreciation treatment of such equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. REID):

S. 1442. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Coordinated Environmental Health Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1443. A bill to permit athletes to receive nonimmigrant alien status under certain conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1444. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to provide for alternative means of certifying workers for adjustment assistance on an industry-wide basis; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1445. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the "William H. Emery Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 1446. An original bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

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

S. 1447. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1448. A bill to improve the treatment provided to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1449. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the eligibility of veterans for mortgage bond financing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1450. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Aspirin; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1451. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Desmodur IL; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1452. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Desmodur E 14; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1453. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Desmodur VP LS 2253; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1454. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Walocel MW 3000 PFV; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1455. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on XAMA 2; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1456. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on XAMA 7; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1457. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on Baytron C-R; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1458. A bill to temporarily suspend the duty on Baytron and Baytron P; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1459. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on TSME; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1460. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on D-Mannose to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 1461. A bill to establish procedures for the protection of consumers from misuse of, and unauthorized access to, sensitive personal information contained in private information files maintained by commercial entities engaged in, or affecting, interstate commerce, provide for enforcement of those procedures by the Federal Trade Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. TALENT, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1462. A bill to promote peace and accountability in Sudan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1463. A bill to clarify that the Small Business Administration has authority to provide emergency assistance to non-farm-related small business concerns that have

S. 662

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

S. 722

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 722, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level.

S. 737

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 737, a bill to amend the USA PATRIOT ACT to place reasonable limitations on the use of surveillance and the issuance of search warrants, and for other purposes.

S. 770

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 770, a bill to amend the Non-indigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

S. 792

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 792, a bill to establish a National sex offender registration database, and for other purposes.

S. 859

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 859, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 919

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 919, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance competition among and between rail carriers in order to ensure efficient rail service and reasonable rail rates, and for other purposes.

S. 963

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 963, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans' health care, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a pilot program to improve access to health care for rural veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 984

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 984, a bill to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Policy Coordination Act of 1988

suffered substantial economic harm from drought; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 203. A resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Veterans' Administration and acknowledging the achievements of the Veterans' Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. Res. 204. A resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the American Academy of Pediatrics and supporting the mission and goals of the organization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 313

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) 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. 381

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage guaranteed lifetime income payments from annuities and similar payments of life insurance proceeds at dates later than death by excluding from income a portion of such payments.

S. 397

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 397, a bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 397, *supra*.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to

provide for an extension of eligibility for supplemental security income through fiscal year 2008 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, and for other purposes.

S. 528

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 528, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide grants to States to conduct demonstration projects that are designed to enable medicaid-eligible individuals to receive support for appropriate and necessary long-term services in the settings of their choice.

S. 543

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the availability of the cash method of accounting for small businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 544

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

S. 548

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 548, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make their land available for access by the public under programs administered by States and tribal governments.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to provide that Executive Order 13166 shall have no force or effect, to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 601

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 601, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include combat pay in determining an allowable contribution to an individual retirement plan.