

EC-587. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Free trade Agreements—Chile and Singapore" (DFARS 2003-D088) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-588. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Firefighting Services Contracts" (DFARS 2003-D107) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-589. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Construction and Architect-Engineer Services" (DFARS 2003-D035) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-590. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competition Requirements" (DFARS 2003-D017) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-591. A communication from the General Counsel, Selective Service System, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Director of the Selective Service System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-592. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination withdrawn for the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-593. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the closure of the defense commissary store at Camp Page, South Korea by the end of March 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-594. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the approval to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-595. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning internal management control and financial management control systems; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-596. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contributions and Donations by Minors" received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-597. A communication from the Coordinator, Forms Committee, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report of Receipts and Disbursement for Other than an Authorized Committee; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-598. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Written Assurance of Technical Data Conformity" (DFARS 2003-D104) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-599. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Per-

sonnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service of acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-600. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management and Comptroller; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-601. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Secretary of the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-602. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a designation of acting officer for the position of General Counsel of the Department of the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-603. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Under Secretary of the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. Res. 36. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

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.

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 Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 272. A bill to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BOND, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 273. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend and improve national dairy market loss payments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 274. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to include additional infor-

mation in Social Security account statements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 275. A bill to require the establishment of a Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers to compute cost-of-living increases for Social Security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 276. A bill to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 277. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for direct access to audiologists for Medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 278. A bill to revise certain requirements for H-2B employers and require submission of information regarding H-2B non-immigrants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 279. A bill to amend the Act of June 7, 1924, to provide for the exercise of criminal jurisdiction; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 280. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the amortization of delay rental payments and geological and geophysical expenditures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 281. A bill for the relief of Vichai Sae Tung (also known as Chai Chaowasaree); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 282. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to expand the scope of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 283. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for the transportation of food for charitable purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KYL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 284. A bill to distribute universal service support equitability throughout rural America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DEWINE, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 285. A bill to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. INOUE, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 286. A bill to amend section 401(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the Federal Pell Grant maximum amount; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 287. A bill to require the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation to use dynamic economic modeling in the preparation of budgetary estimates of proposed changes in Federal revenue law; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 288. A bill to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DeWINE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 289. A bill to authorize an annual appropriation of \$10,000,000 for mental health courts through fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. TALENT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VITTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 290. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain hazard mitigation assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KYL, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 291. A bill to require the withholding of United States contributions to the United Nations until the President certifies that the United Nations is cooperating in the investigation of the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 292. A bill to establish a procedure to safeguard the Social Security Trust Funds; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 293. A bill to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. THUNE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 294. A bill to strengthen the restrictions of the importation from BSE minimal-risk regions of meat, meat byproducts, and meat food products from bovines; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REID, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 295. A bill to authorize appropriate action in the negotiations with the People's Republic of China regarding China's undervalued currency are not successful; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 296. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. Res. 36. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary; from the Committee on the Judiciary; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DODD, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. Res. 37. A resolution designating the week of February 7 through February 11, 2005, as "National School Counseling Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 5

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 16

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) 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. 37

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) were added as cosponsors of S. 37, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, *supra*.

S. 43

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to provide certain enhancements to the Montgomery GI Bill Program for certain individuals who serve as members of the Armed Forces after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and for other purposes.

S. 44

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 44, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the amount of the military death gratuity from \$12,000 to \$100,000.

S. 45

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) 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. 98

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 119

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. 119, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 157

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

S. 184

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 184, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to protect the public health from the unsafe importation of prescription drugs and from counterfeit prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 217

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to preserve the essential air service program.

S. 236

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 236, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the treatment of payment under the medicare program for clinical laboratory tests furnished by critical access hospitals.

S. 241

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 241, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant