

by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 354. Concurrent resolution expressing the continued support of Congress for requiring an institution of higher education to provide military recruiters with access to the institution's campus and students at least equal in quality and scope to that which is provided to any other employer in order to be eligible for the receipt of certain Federal funds; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### 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-6018. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Fiscal Year 2005 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6019. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, the Agency's 2006-2010 Strategic and Operational Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6020. A communication from the Chairman, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6021. A communication from the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General Audit Report Register, including all financial recommendations, for the period ending September 30, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6022. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notification of Post-Employment Restrictions" (RIN3206-AK60) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6023. A communication from the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification related to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6024. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, the semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6025. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the International Labour Conference; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6026. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 06-44-06-56); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6027. 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 "Triflurizole; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 7765-3) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6028. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Relaxation of Handling Regulation for Area No. 2" (Docket No. FV05-948-1 FRA) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6029. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. FV06-989-1 IFR) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6030. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Continuing Assessment Rates and Modification of the Rules and Regulations" (Docket No. FV05-927-1 FR) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6031. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Pacific Northwest and Arizona-Las Vegas Marketing Area—Final Order" (Docket Nos. DA-03-04B; AO-368-A32 and AO-271-A37) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6032. A communication from the Acting Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupational Exposure to Hexavalent Chromium" (RIN1218-AB45) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6033. A communication from the Political Personnel and Advisory Communication Management Specialist, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, (10) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on March 13, 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6034. 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 "Microbiology Devices; Reclassification of Hepatitis A Virus Serological Assays" (Docket No. 2003P-0564) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6035. 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 "Medical Devices; Cardiovascular Devices; Classification of Implantable Intra-Aneurysm Pressure Measurement System" (Docket No. 2005N-0506) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6036. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year

2005 Annual Report; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6037. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety and Health—Alternate I to Major Breach of Safety or Security Clause" (RIN2700-AD12) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6038. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6039. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Non-Community Development Quota Pollock with Trawl Gear in the Chinook Salmon Savings Areas of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D. No. 021406B) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6040. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Implement the Patent Search Fee Refund Provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005" (RIN0651-AB79) received on March 13, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

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

\*David Longly Bernhardt, of Colorado, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

\*Raymond L. Orbach, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

\*Alexander A. Karsner, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy).

\*Dennis R. Spurgeon, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

\*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.

#### 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. MIKULSKI:

S. 2415. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2416. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs

of education for which accelerated payments of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill may be used, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 2417. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 2418. A bill to preserve local radio broadcast emergency and other services and to require the Federal Communications Commission to conduct a rulemaking for that purpose; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2419. A bill to ensure the proper remembrance of Vietnam veterans and the Vietnam War by providing a deadline for the designation of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2420. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for payments for producing coastal States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2421. A bill to establish the Louisiana Hurricane and Flood Protection Council for the improvement of hurricane and flood protection in Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. 2422. A bill to establish a Conservation and Habitat Restoration Fund and to require the Secretary of Commerce to provide grants to States for coastal zone management, coastal wetlands conservation, coastal land protection, and fisheries habitat restoration, and to improve understanding of coastal areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 2423. A bill to improve science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 2424. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the contribution limits for health savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 2425. A bill to apply amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act related to providing medical services in underserved areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 402. A resolution designating the first day of April, 2006, as "National Asbestos Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) 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. 1035

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to authorize the presentation of commemorative medals on behalf of Congress to Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts in which the United States was involved during the 20th century in recognition of the service of those Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1086

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. 1086, a bill to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States by half by 2010, and for other purposes.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1848, a bill to promote remediation of inactive and abandoned mines, and for other purposes.

S. 2178

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2178, a bill to make the stealing and selling of telephone records a criminal offense.

S. 2197

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2197, a bill to improve the global competitiveness of the United States in science and energy technology, to strengthen basic research programs at the Department of Energy, and to provide support for mathematics and science education at all levels through the resources available through the Department of Energy, including at the National Laboratories.

S. 2198

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2198, a bill to ensure the United States successfully competes in the 21st century global economy.

S. 2199

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

(Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2199, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives to promote research and development, innovation, and continuing education.

S. 2232

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2232, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army to submit to Congress a report identifying activities for hurricane and flood protection in Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, and for other purposes.

S. 2253

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2253, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to offer the 181 Area of the Gulf of Mexico for oil and gas leasing.

S. 2338

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2338, a bill to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits.

S. 2370

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2370, a bill to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

S. 2389

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2389, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the unlawful acquisition and use of confidential customer proprietary network information, and for other purposes.

S. 2390

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2390, a bill to provide a national innovation initiative.

S. 2400

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2400, a bill to transfer authority to review certain mergers, acquisitions, and takeovers of United States entities by foreign entities to a designee established within the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

S. 2414

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S.