

April 5, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6337. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-338, "Unemployment Compensation Contributions Federal Conformity Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on April 5, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6338. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-339, "Procurement Practices Timely Competition Assurance and Direct Voucher Prohibition Amendment Act of 2006" received on April 5, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6339. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-340, "White Collar Insurance Fraud Amendment Act of 2006" received on April 5, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6340. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-341, "School Modernization Financing Act of 2006" received on April 5, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

[Treaty Doc. 108-27 Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Germany (Ex. Rept. 109-14)]

[Treaty Doc. 108-12 Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Japan (Ex. Rept. 109-14)] and the text of the committee-recommended resolutions of advice and consent to ratification are as follows:

108-27 MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATY WITH GERMANY

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on October 14, 2003, and a related exchange of notes.

108-12 MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATY WITH JAPAN

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Treaty Between the United States of America and Japan on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on August 5, 2003.

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. BAYH:

S. 2556. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to reform of executive compensation in corporate bankruptcies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2557. A bill to improve competition in the oil and gas industry, to strengthen anti-trust enforcement with regard to industry mergers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 2558. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to employers for employee catastrophic health care costs and to health insurance companies for insurer catastrophic health care costs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2559. A bill to make it illegal for anyone to defraud and deprive the American people of the right to the honest services of a Member of Congress and to instill greater public confidence in the United States Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2560. A bill to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 2561. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make available cost-shared grants and enter into cooperative agreements to further the goals of the Water 2025 Program by improving water conservation, efficiency, and management in the Reclamation States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2562. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, 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. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. TALENT):

S. 2563. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment to pharmacies under part D, to restrict pharmacy co-branding on prescription drug cards issued under such part, and to provide guidelines for Medication Therapy Management Services programs offered by prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans under such part; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 2564. A bill to prepare and strengthen the biodefenses of the United States against deliberate, accidental, and natural outbreaks of illness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2565. A bill to designate certain National Forest System land in the State of Vermont for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System and designate a National Recreation Area; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2566. A bill to provide for coordination of proliferation interdiction activities and conventional arms disarmament, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2567. A bill to maintain the rural heritage of the Eastern Sierra and enhance the region's tourism economy by designating certain public lands as wilderness and certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2568. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2569. A bill to authorize Western States to make selections of public land within their borders in lieu of receiving five percentum of the proceeds of the sale of public land lying within said States as provided by their respective Enabling Acts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. KYL, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2570. A bill to authorize funds for the United States Marshals Service's Fugitive Safe Surrender Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONRAD:

S. 2571. A bill to promote energy production and conservation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2572. A bill to amend the Aviation and Transportation Security Act to extend the suspended service ticket honor requirement; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2573. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide interest rate reductions, to authorize and appropriate amounts for the Federal Pell Grant program, to allow for in-school consolidation, to provide the administrative account for the Federal Direct Loan Program as a mandatory program, to strike the single holder rule, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2574. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain golf club driver heads; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2575. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain golf club fairway heads; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2576. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain golf club driver heads of titanium; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2577. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain golf club driver heads with plasma welded face plate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2578. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain golf club driver heads with rhombus shaped center face; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2579. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain leather basketballs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2580. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain rubber basketballs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2581. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain volleyballs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2582. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain basketballs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2583. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain synthetic basketballs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 2584. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to help reduce the increased risk of severe wildfires to communities in forested areas affected by infestations of bark beetles and other insects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2585. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit military death gratuities to be contributed to certain tax-favored accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2586. A bill to establish a 2-year pilot program to develop a curriculum at historically Black colleges and universities, Tribal Colleges, and Hispanic serving institutions to foster entrepreneurship and business development in underserved minority communities; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2587. A bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Administrator of the United States Fire Administration to provide assistance to firefighting task forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2588. A bill to provide for the certification of programs to provide uninsured employees of small businesses access to health coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) (by request):

S. 2589. A bill to enhance the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, to ensure protection of public health and safety, to ensure the territorial integrity and security of the repository at Yucca Mountain, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. McCAIN):

S. 2590. A bill to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2591. A bill to exempt persons with disabilities from the prohibition against providing section 8 rental assistance to college students; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2592. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of “food of minimal nutritional value” to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI,

Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2593. A bill to protect, consistent with Roe v. Wade, a woman’s freedom to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2594. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize the loan guarantee program under section 7(a) of that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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

S. 2595. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to modernize the treatment of development companies; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KERRY:

S.J. Res. 33. A joint resolution to provide for a strategy for successfully empowering a new unity government in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. Res. 434. A resolution designating the week of May 22, 2006, as “National Corporate Compliance and Ethics Week.”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BURNS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BAYH, Mr. FRIST, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 435. A resolution honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of America’s small businesses during National Small Business Week, beginning April 9, 2006; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Res. 436. A resolution urging the Federation Internationale de Football Association to prevent persons or groups representing the Islamic Republic of Iran from participating in sanctioned soccer matches; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 437. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the Year of the Museum; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 493

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 493, a bill to amend title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase teacher familiarity with the educational needs of gifted and talented students, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) 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. 654

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to prohibit the expulsion, return, or extradition of persons by the United States to countries engaging in torture, and for other purposes.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

S. 914

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 914, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) 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. 1221

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1221, a bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee’s duty.

S. 1507

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to protect children from Internet pornography and support law enforcement and other efforts to combat Internet and pornography-related crimes against children.

S. 1791

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1791, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified timber gains.

S. 1800

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1800, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit.

S. 1888

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Minnesota