as amended, and Sections 106 and 118 of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act, Pub. L. No. 109–177 (2006); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6684. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Buy American Act Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6685. A communication from the Director of Selective Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Buy American Act Report for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6686. A communication from the Director, Financial Management, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2005 annual report of the Comptrollers' General Retirement System; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6687. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to extended assignment incentives for the period (May 2, 2003, through December 31, 2005); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

EC-6688. A communication from the Chief Clinical Officer, Department of Mental Health, District of Columbia, and the Professor and Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Director, Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, transmitting, a cdrom entitled "Code Yellow Code Orange: How Will We Respond?"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6689. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16–342, "Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 1030, S.O. 02–2103, Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6690. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-343, "Financial Institutions Deposit and Investment Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6691. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-344, "Advisory Commission on Sentencing Amendment Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6692. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-345, "Government Facility Security Amendment Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6693. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-346, "Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 5230, S.O. 04-9922, Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6694. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-347, "Low-Emissions Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption Amendment Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6695. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-348, "Non-Health Related Occupations and Professions Licensure Amendment Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6696. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-349, "New Columbia Community Land Trust 20th and Channing Streets, N.E. Tax Exemption Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6697. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-350, "Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Fund Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6698. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-351, "Closing of Public Alleys in Square 743N, S.O. 04-12457, Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

EC-6699. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-352, "District Department of Transportation DC Circulator Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6700. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-354, "Oak Hill Construction Streamlining Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on May 1, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 1773. A bill to resolve certain Native American claims in New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109–252).

# 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. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. Frist, Mr. Gregg, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Santorum, Mr. Demint, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Burns, Mrs. Dole, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Voinovich, Mr. Burr, Mr. Allard, Mr. Coburn, and Mr. Vitter):
- S. 22. A bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system; read the first time.
  - By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Frist, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Inhofe, Mrs. Dole, Mr. Burns, Mr. Talent, Mr. Voinovich, Mr. Burr, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Allard, Mr. DeMint, and Mr. Vitter):
- S. 23. A bill to improve women's access to health care services and provide improved

medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services; read the first time.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2701. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit for high deductible health plans for uninsured individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2702. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program on the provision of assistance to certain military families; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Frist, Mr. Reid, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. DeWine, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Brownback, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Warner, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Chafee, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Allen, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Obama, Mr. Salazar, and Mr. Menendez):

S. 2703. A bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 2704. A bill to revise and extend the National Police Athletic League Youth Enrichment Act of 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 2705. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Hexythiazox Technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 2706. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Dimethyl Disulfide (DMDS); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 2707. A bill to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt qualified public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 2708. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide an enrollment priority for veterans, who are recipients of certain medals for valor, in health care services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. TALENT):

S. Res. 462. A resolution designating June 8, 2006, as the day of a National Vigil for Lost Promise; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. KYL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 463. A resolution recognizing the 58th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr.

BROWNBACK, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 464. A resolution designating June 7, 2006, as "National Hunger Awareness Day", and authorizing the Senate offices of Senators Gordon H. Smith, Blance L. Lincoln, Elizabeth Dole, and Richard J. Durbin to collect donations of food during the period beginning May 8, 2006, and ending June 7, 2006, from concerned Members of Congress and staff to assist families suffering from hunger and food insecurity in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; considered and agreed to.

### By Mr. HARKIN:

S. Con. Res. 93. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to accomplishing the mission in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 558

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special compensation and to eliminate the phase-in period under current law with respect to such concurrent receipt.

S. 828

At the request of Mr. Harkin, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. Feinstein) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. Levin) were added as cosponsors of S. 828, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. Coleman, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. Durbin) 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. 1086

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) 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. 1272

At the request of Mr. Nelson of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. Grassley) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1272, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

S 1330

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for employer-provided employee housing assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1508

At the request of Mr. Feingold, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. Grassley) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1508, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 1741

At the request of Mr. Voinovich, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. Lincoln) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1741, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to establish a joint energy cooperation program within the Department of Energy to fund eligible ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons in the national interest, and for other purposes.

S. 1864

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1864, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1948

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Kerry) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Warner) were added as cosponsors of S. 1948, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of passenger motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 2019

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2019, a bill to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes.

S. 2025

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2025, a bill to promote the national security and stability of the United States economy by reducing the dependence of the United States on oil through the use of alternative fuels and new technology, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Durbin, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Lieberman) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2039, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and

S. 2039

S. 2140

public defenders.

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. Landreu) were added as cosponsors of S. 2140, a bill to enhance protection of children from sexual exploitation by strengthening section 2257 of title 18, United States Code, requiring producers of sexually explicit material to keep and permit inspection of records regarding the age of performers, and for other purposes.

S 2201

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2201, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the mediation and implementation requirements of section 40122 regarding changes in the Federal Aviation Administration personnel management system, and for other purposes.

S. 2250

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2250, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug.

S. 2339

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2339, a bill to reauthorize the HIV Health Care Services Program under title 26 of the Public Health Service Act.

S. 2385

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2385, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Combat-Related Special Compensation paid by the uniformed services in order to permit certain additional retired members who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for that disability and Combat-Related Special Compensation by reason of that disability.

S. 2465

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2465, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 2480

At the request of Mr. Bennett, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Burr) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2480, a bill to amend the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act