

law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations; San Pedro Bay, CA" (RIN1625-AA01) received on January 26, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5505. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones (including 5 regulations): [COTP San Francisco Bay 05-011], [COTP ST Petersburg 05-163], [COTP Charleston 06-003], [COTP Charleston 05-143], [CGD13-06-002]" (RIN1625-AA00) received on January 26, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5506. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Validation of Merchant Mariners' Vital Information and Issuance of Coast Guard Merchant Mariners' Licenses and Certificates of Registry" (RIN1625-AA85) received on January 26, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5507. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shipping; Technical, Organizational and Conforming Amendments" (RIN1625-ZA05) received on January 26, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5508. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Driver's License Standards; School Bus Endorsement" (RIN2126-AA94) received on January 25, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5509. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Incentive Grant Criteria for Occupant Protection Programs" (RIN2127-AJ72) received on January 25, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5510. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tire Safety" (RIN2127-AJ65) received on January 25, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5511. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Petitions for Reconsideration of FMVSS No. 102, Transmission Shift Lever Sequence, Starter Interlock and Transmission Braking Effect" (RIN2127-AJ74) received on January 25, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5512. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Dubach, Natchitoches, Oil City and Shreveport, Louisiana, and Groesbeck, Longview, Nacogdoches, Tennessee Colony and Waskom, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 05-47) received on January 25, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5513. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau,

Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Wheatland, Rock River, Lusk, Gillette, Moorcroft, Pine Haven, Upton, Wyoming, and Edgemont, Custer, Murdo, Wall and Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota)" (MB Docket No.) received on January 25, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5514. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Hartford and South Haven, Michigan)" (MB Docket No. 03-257) received on January 25, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5515. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Barstow, California; Newcastle, Texas; Anacoco, Louisiana; Erie, Pennsylvania; and Greenfield, California)" (MB Docket Nos. 03-147, 03-148, 03-177, 03-178, and 03-180) received on January 25, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5516. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Eden, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 03-74) received on January 25, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5517. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Pearsall and Dilley, Texas)" (MB Docket No. 03-87) received on January 25, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5518. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Statesville and Clemmons, North Carolina, Iron Gate, Virginia)" (MB Docket No. 03-219) received on January 25, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5519. A communication from the Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (La Grange, Richlands, Shallotte, Swansboro, Topsail Beach, and Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina)" (MB Docket No. 05-16) received on January 25, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### 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. BYRD (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2231. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to prescribe additional coal mine safe-

ty standards, to require additional penalties for habitual violators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

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; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2233. A bill to reform and improve the regulation of lobbying and congressional ethics; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. 2234. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BAYH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KERRY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 2235. A bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 2236. A bill to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. KYL):

S. 2237. A bill to withhold United States assistance from the Palestinian Authority until certain conditions have been satisfied; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 2238. A bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to assure uninterrupted access to necessary medicines under the Medicare prescription drug program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2239. A bill to prohibit offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the State of Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 363. A resolution designating February 2006 as "Go Direct Month"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 364. A resolution honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. TALENT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Con. Res. 79. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that no United States assistance should be provided

directly to the Palestinian Authority if any representative political party holding a majority of parliamentary seats within the Palestinian Authority maintains a position calling for the destruction of Israel; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 408

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 408, a bill to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education.

S. 910

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 910, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 1215

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1215, a bill to authorize the acquisition of interests in underdeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development.

S. 1419

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1419, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1504, a bill to establish a market driven telecommunications marketplace, to eliminate government managed competition of existing communication service, and to provide parity between functionally equivalent services.

S. 1530

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1530, a bill to provide a Federal tax exemption for forest conservation bonds, and for other purposes.

S. 1691

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1691, a bill to amend selected statutes to clarify existing Federal law as to the treatment of students privately educated at home under State law.

S. 1710

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1710, a bill to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to remove the limitation on the number of reverse mortgages that may be insured under the FHA mortgage insurance program for such mortgages.

S. 1727

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1727, a bill to provide grants for prosecutions of cases cleared through use of DNA backlog clearance fund.

S. 1948

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, his name was added as a cosponsor 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. 2039

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2039, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 2178

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2178, a bill to make the stealing and selling of telephone records a criminal offense.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2182, a bill to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and for other purposes.

S. 2183

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2183, a bill to provide for necessary beneficiary protections in order to ensure access to coverage under the Medicare part D prescription drug program.

S. 2201

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) 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 Ad-

ministration personnel management system, and for other purposes.

S. 2206

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2206, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions.

S. RES. 355

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 355, a resolution honoring the service of the National Guard and requesting consultation by the Department of Defense with Congress and the chief executive officers of the States prior to offering proposals to change the National Guard force structure.

S. RES. 357

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 357, a resolution designating January 2006 as "National Mentoring Month".

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2231. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to prescribe additional coal mine safety standards, to require additional penalties for habitual violators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, it is my honor today to join with my colleague Senator BYRD, who I am sure will be here very shortly. We are very proud to announce that we are, as an entire West Virginia delegation, introducing the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 2006.

The last few weeks have been an emotional roller coaster in West Virginia and across large parts of the country as we watched the damage and the pain and the crying and the anger because of a series of coal mine accidents that happened in West Virginia where 14 miners lost their lives and in the State of Kentucky where a miner lost his life. There is no real way of describing the sadness and the grief of being with families as they find out their coal-miner spouses are no longer alive.

Everybody understands that coal mining is very dangerous, but you go in every day with the hope that it will be all right. It is a way of life. People ask, Why do you go into coal mining? They go into coal mining to keep the lights of America on and they do it to earn a good wage.

What we have to do is make sure the legacy of these 15 miners who died—1