

EC-6815. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees for Competent Authority Limitation on Benefits Determination" (Rev. Proc. 2006-26) received on May 8, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6816. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Credit for Increasing Research Activities—Extraordinary Expenditures for Utilities" (UIL 41.51-01) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6817. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling: Down Payment Assistance" (Rev. Rul. 2006-27) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6818. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Intercompany Transactions; Manufacturer Incentive Payments" ((RIN1545-BF32)(TD 9261)) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6819. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2006-49) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6820. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sample, Discretionary Amendment to Section 401(k) Roth Plan" (Notice 2006-44) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6821. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Rev. Proc. 2003-44—Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System" (Rev. Proc. 2006-27) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6822. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of a New Port of Entry in the Tri-Cities Area of Tennessee and Virginia and Termination of the User-Fee-Status of Tri-Cities Regional Airport" (CBP Decision 06-14) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6823. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Development of a Strategic Plan Regarding Physician Investment in Specialty Hospitals"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6824. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Workforce Security, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "UIPL 14-05, Changes to UI Performs; UIPL 14-05, Change 1, Performance Criterion for the Overpayment Detection Measure; Clarification of Appeals Timeliness Measures; and Implementation of Tax Quality Measure Corrective Action Plans (CAPs)" received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6825. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports on vacancies in the positions of Director and Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget, and Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6826. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assistance Regulations" (RIN1991-AB72) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6827. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility of Arriving Aliens in Removal Proceedings to Apply for Adjustment of Status and Jurisdiction to Adjudicate Applications for Adjustment of Status" (RIN1615-AB50 and RIN1125-AA55) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6828. 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 "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Alabama; Redesignation of the Birmingham, Alabama 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL No. 8169-4) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6829. 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 "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 8169-3) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6830. 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 "Air Quality Redesignation for the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; New York State" (FRL No. 8169-9) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6831. 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 "Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Final Exclusion" (FRL No. 8169-5) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6832. 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 "Ocean Dumping; De-designation of Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site and Designation of New Site near Coos Bay, Oregon" (FRL No. 8167-7) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6833. 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 "Revisions to the Arizona State Implemen-

tation Plan, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Pima County Department of Environmental Quality, and Pinal County Air Quality Control District" (FRL No. 8159-7) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6834. 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 "Tennessee: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 8168-4) received on May 11, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Thomas L. Ludington, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Sean F. Cox, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. LOTT (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2783. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to expand and strengthen cooperative efforts to monitor, restore, and protect the resource productivity, water quality, and marine ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr.

THOMAS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOXER, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2784. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth

Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, non-violence, human rights, and religious understanding; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2785. A bill to amend title 38, United States code, to provide for the payment of a monthly stipend to the surviving parents (known as "Gold Star Parents") of members of the Armed Forces who die during a period of war; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2786. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to permit access to databases maintained by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for purposes of complying with sex offender registry and notification laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 2787. A bill to permit United States persons to participate in the exploration for and the extraction of hydrocarbon resources from any portion of a foreign maritime exclusive economic zone that is contiguous to the exclusive economic zone of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2788. A bill to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2789. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to rural primary health providers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 2790. A bill to repeal the fossil fuel energy tax incentives contained in the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BURNS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. TALENT, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. KERRY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. REED, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CARPER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 2791. A bill to amend title 46 and 49, United States Code, to provide improved maritime, rail, and public transportation security, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 2792. A bill to revise and extend certain provisions of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 2793. A bill to enhance research and education in the areas of pharmaceutical and biotechnology science and engineering, including therapy development and manufacturing, analytical technologies, modeling,

and informatics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2794. A bill to ensure the equitable provision of pension and medical benefits to Department of Energy contractor employees; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARTINEZ:

S. 2795. A bill to exclude from admission to the United States aliens who have made investments contributing to the enhancement of the ability of Cuba to develop its petroleum resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban 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. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 474. A resolution thanking Joyce Rechtschaffen for her service to the Senate and to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. Res. 475. A resolution proclaiming the week of May 21 through May 27, 2006, as "National Public Works Week"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Con. Res. 94. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the needs of children and youth affected or displaced by disasters are unique and should be given special consideration in planning, responding, and recovering from such disasters in the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 483

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 483, a bill to strengthen religious liberty and combat government hostility to expressions of faith, by extending the reach of The Equal Access Act to elementary schools.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 859

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 859, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 910

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) 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. 914

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) 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. 932

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to provide for paid sick leave to ensure that Americans can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 985

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish kinship guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) 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. 1214

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 1214, a bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

S. 1948

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) 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.