

EC-5662. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Shadin ADC Air Data Computers" ((RIN2120-AA64) (2006-0019)) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5663. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Arctic Village, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (2006-0003)) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5664. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace, San Luis Obispo, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (2006-0004)) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5665. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Nenana, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (2006-0005)) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5666. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Norton Sound Low Offshore Airspace Area, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (2006-0006)) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5667. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Nilotai, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (2006-0007)) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5668. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Kennett, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66) (2006-0008)) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5669. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Egegik, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (2006-0009)) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5670. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Hillsboro, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66) (2006-0010)) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5671. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Wenatchee, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (2006-0011)) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5672. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration,

Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (2)" ((RIN2120-AA65) (2006-0005)) received on February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5673. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Department of Commerce, and the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting jointly, the 2005 Biennial Report on Atlantic Striped Bass Studies; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5674. A communication from the Acting Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Report on the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Estimates; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5675. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act with respect to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5676. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act with respect to both the Russian Federation and Uzbekistan during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5677. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Russia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5678. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, (8) reports on current vacancies in covered positions within the State Department; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5679. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Extension of Waiver of Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act With Respect to Assistance to the Government of Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5680. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, U. S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Administrator, received February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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 Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2255. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit removal of covered part D drugs from a prescription drug plan formulary during the plan year once an individual has enrolled in the plan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 2256. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the availability to all Americans of high-quality, advanced telecommunications and broadband services, technologies, and networks at just, reasonable, and affordable rates, and to establish a permanent mechanism to guarantee specific, sufficient, and predictable support for the preservation and advancement of universal service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2257. A bill to provide for an enhanced refundable credit for families who resided in the Hurricane Katrina disaster area on August 28, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2258. A bill to amend the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 to increase the membership of the Board of Directors and require that each State in the service area of the Tennessee Valley Authority be represented by at least 1 member; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 2259. A bill to establish an Office of Public Integrity in the Congress and a Congressional Ethics Enforcement Commission; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2260. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to make improvements to payments to Medicare Advantage plans and to reinstate protections in the Medicaid program for working families, their children, and the disabled against excessive out-of-pocket costs, inadequate benefits, and health care coverage loss; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 2261. A bill to provide transparency and integrity in the earmark process; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 370. A resolution honoring the sacrifice and courage of the 16 coal miners killed in various mine disasters in West Virginia, and recognizing the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. Con. Res. 80. A concurrent resolution relating to the enrollment of S. 1932; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 267

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) 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. 854

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 854, a bill to require labeling of raw agricultural forms of ginseng, including the country of harvest, and for other purposes.

S. 1109

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1109, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide payments to Medicare ambulance suppliers of the full cost of furnishing such services, to provide payments to rural ambulance providers and suppliers to account for the cost of serving areas with low population density, and for other purposes.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the depreciation recovery period for certain roof systems.

S. 1358

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1358, a bill to protect scientific integrity in Federal research and policy-making.

S. 1408

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1408, a bill to strengthen data protection and safeguards, require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft.

S. 1791

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1791, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified timber gains.

S. 1841

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1841, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide extended and additional protection to Medicare beneficiaries who enroll for the Medicare prescription drug benefit during 2006.

S. 2010

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING)

were added as cosponsors of S. 2010, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the Social Security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 2019

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) 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. 2178

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. 2178, a bill to make the stealing and selling of telephone records a criminal offense.

S. 2235

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2235, a bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley.

S. 2253

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) 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. CON. RES. 69

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 69, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a Day of Hearts, Congenital Heart Defect Day in order to increase awareness about congenital heart defects, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 313

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 313, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic.

S. RES. 320

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 320, a resolution calling the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

S. RES. 359

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 359, a resolution concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania.

S. RES. 365

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 365, a resolution to provide a 60 vote point of order against out-of-scope material in conference reports and open the process of earmarks in the Senate.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2255. A bill to amend title XVII of the Social Security Act to prohibit removal of covered part D drugs from a prescription drug plan formulary during the plan once an individual has enrolled in the plan; to the Committee on Finance.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation along with Senators COLLINS, DORGAN, SNOWE, BINGAMAN, CHAFEE, CLINTON, SCHUMER, MURRAY and BOXER to ensure that when a senior signs up for a Medicare prescription drug plan, the drugs covered by their plan cannot be removed or changed throughout that year.

Under the legislation, if you sign up for a plan in January, the drugs covered by your plan will continue to be covered the rest of that year.

If you become eligible for Medicare during the year, for instance you turn 65 in May, and you sign up for a plan, the drugs covered by your plan when you enroll in it will continue to be covered the rest of that year.

At the end of the year, if a plan wants to change its coverage, it can do that. The bill does nothing to prevent plans from changing their drug coverage for the coming year. However, that can only happen at the end of the year, at the time all Medicare beneficiaries have the option to switch plans.

Seniors deserve the peace of mind to know that the drug plan they enroll in will cover the drugs it says it will all year.

Under current law, a prescription drug plan can change its formulary as many times as it wants throughout the year so long as it gives notice to its enrollees.

However, seniors have no recourse other than going through a lengthy appeals process if their drug plan suddenly drops their medicines. At the end of that appeals process, there is still no guarantee that seniors will get their drugs.