

((RIN1545-BE26) (TD 9351)) received on August 2, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2795. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "AJCA Modifications to the Section 6011 Regulations" ((RIN1545-BE24) (TD 9350)) received on August 2, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2796. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Severance of a Trust for Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Purposes" ((RIN1545-BC50) (TD 9348)) received on August 2, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2797. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-153-2007-160); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2798. A communication from the Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Adjustment of the Immigration and Naturalization Benefit Application and Petition Fee Schedule for Certain Adjustment of Status and Related Applications" (RIN1615-AB60) received on August 2, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2799. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States for the March 2007 Session"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 109th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs" (Rept. No. 110-141).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 428. A bill to amend the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-142).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1163. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation and specially adapted housing for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, and to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes (Rept. No. 110-143).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1300. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to modernize the air traffic control system, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-144).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:

Special Report entitled "Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 109th Congress" (Rept. No. 110-145).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 898. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1183. 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.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of 4 years.

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

## EXECUTIVE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT

Mark Green, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Republic of Tanzania:

Nominee: Mark Green.

Post: Ambassador to Tanzania.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: none.  
2. Spouse: Susan Green, none.  
3. Children: Rachel Green, none; Anna Green, none; Alex Green, none.

4. Parents: Jeremy Green, none; Elizabeth Green, \$43, 5/27/2003, Green for Congress; \$100, 12/12/2003, Green for Congress; \$50, 12/15/2003, Green for Congress; \$50, 12/16/2004, Green for Congress.

5. Grandparents: Frank Green, deceased; Ruth Green, deceased; Ernest Sidney Roome, deceased; Mary Olive Roome, Deceased.

6. Brothers and spouses: Adam Green, none; Karin Green, none; Chris Green, \$100, 5/10/2007, Tommy Thompson for President; Heidi Green, \$100, 5/26/2004, Green for Congress.

7. Green for Congress, \$500, 4/1/2003, Gingrey for Congress; \$500, 4/1/2003, Renzi for Congress; \$500, 4/1/2003, Chocola for Congress; \$500, 4/1/2003, Burns for Congress; \$500, 4/1/2003, Gerlach for Congress; \$2,000, 10/1/2003, Bush/Cheney '04; \$1,000, 12/22/2003, Alice Forgy Kerr for Congress; \$1,000, 10/8/2004, Wohlgemuth for Congress; \$12,000, 10/8/2004, National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC); \$13,000, 10/8/2004, National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC); \$12,000, 10/27/2004, National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC).

## 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. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 1985. A bill to improve access of senior homeowners to capital; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 1986. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Treasury to prescribe the weights and the compositions of circulating coins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. McCASKILL, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1987. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for alternative motor vehicle facility bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. SMITH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1988. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of a principal residence by a first-time homebuyer; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1989. A bill to provide a mechanism for the determination on the merits of the claims of claimants who met the class criteria in a civil action relating to racial discrimination by the Department of Agriculture but who were denied that determination; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1990. A bill to amend part D of title III of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants and loan guarantees for health centers to enable the centers to fund capital needs projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. 1991. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL:

S. 1992. A bill to preserve the recall rights of airline employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1993. A bill to modify the boundary of the Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in the State of Ohio, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1994. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain farmland from the estate tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BURR):

S. 1995. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. BURR, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1996. A bill to reauthorize the Enhancing Education Through Technology Act of 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. McCASKILL:

S. 1997. A bill to require all new and up-graded fuel pumps to be equipped with automatic temperature compensation equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1998. A bill to reduce child marriage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1999. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Center of Excellence in Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Military Eye Injuries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DODD (by request):

S. 2000. A bill to amend and extend the Export Administration Act of 1979 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 2001. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2002. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain provisions applicable to real estate investment trusts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 2003. A bill to facilitate the part-time re-employment of annuitants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 2004. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish epilepsy centers of excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2005. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide education on the health consequences of exposure to second-hand smoke, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2006. A bill to provide for disaster assistance for power transmission and distribution facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2007. A bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a floor of 1.0 for the practice expense and for the work expense geographic practice cost indices (GPCI) under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2008. A bill to reform the single family housing loan guarantee program under the Housing Act of 1949; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 2009. A bill to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of

the Interstate I-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2010. A bill to require prisons and other detention facilities holding Federal prisoners or detainees under a contract with the Federal Government to make the same information available to the public that Federal prisons and detention facilities are required to do by law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2011. A bill entitled "The Protect America Act of 2007"; read twice.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 2012. A bill to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to extend the period of emergency financial assistance to certain individuals and entities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 2013. A bill to initially apply the required use of tamper-resistant prescription pads under the Medicaid Program to schedule II narcotic drugs and to delay the application of the requirement to other prescription drugs for 18 months; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2014. A bill to provide for statewide longitudinal data systems to improve elementary and secondary education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 2015. A bill to increase the economic pressure on terror sponsoring states, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution directing the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other Nations to negotiate an agreement for managing migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean; 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. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Res. 299. A resolution recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. Res. 300. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) should stop the utilization of materials that violate provisions of the United Nations-brokered Interim Agreement between FYROM and Greece regarding "hostile activities or propaganda" and should work with the United Nations and Greece to achieve longstanding United States and United Nations policy

goals of finding a mutually-acceptable official name for FYROM; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 301. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School, one of the most significant events in the American civil rights movement; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 302. A resolution censuring the President and Vice President; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. Res. 303. A resolution censuring the President and the Attorney General; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself and Mr. GREGG):

S. Res. 304. A resolution congratulating Charles Simic on being named the 15th Poet Laureate of the United States of America by the Library of Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 305. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Medicare national coverage determination on the treatment of anemia in cancer patients; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID:

S. Con. Res. 43. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 402

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 402, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified timber gains.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 456, a bill to increase and