

Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Under Secretary, received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-539. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of the Under Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of discontinuation of service in an acting role for the position of Under Secretary, received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-540. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Foundation's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-541. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on Grants Streamlining; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-542. A communication from the Chief, Human Capital Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information and action on a nomination for the position of Inspector General, received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-543. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplements and Other Changes Approved New Animal Drug Applications" ((RIN0910-AB59)(Docket No. 1999N-1415)) received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-544. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Patient Examination and Surgeons' Gloves; Test Procedures and Acceptance Criteria" (Docket No. 2003N-0056) received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-545. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts of fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-546. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the organization's competitive sourcing activities of fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-547. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-548. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2006 Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations and Unfunded Mandates on State, Local, and Tribal Entities"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-549. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the Department's six-month periodic report for the period that ended September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-550. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-551. A communication from the Corps of Engineers Secretary, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Annual Report for calendar year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-552. A communication from the Acting Chief of Staff, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Service's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-553. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the unvouchedered expenditures report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-554. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Actions Taken on Office of Inspector General Recommendations"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-555. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the building project survey for Burlington, Vermont; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-556. A communication from the Deputy Director for Administration and Information Management, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the competitions performed by the Office in fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-557. A communication from the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Audit Report Register for the six-month periods ending March 31, 2006 and September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-558. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, the President's Pay Agent, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of locality-based comparability payments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-559. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Office, received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-560. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-561. A communication from the Chief of Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accrued Benefits" (RIN2900-AM28) received on January 25, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KOHL, from the Special Committee on Aging, without amendment:

S. Res. 45. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Lisa Godbey Wood, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia.

Philip S. Gutierrez, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Lawrence Joseph O'Neill, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Valerie L. Baker, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Gregory Kent Frizzell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

(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. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BURR, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. KYL, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 415. A bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 416. A bill for the relief of Denes Fulop and Gyorgyi Fulop; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 417. A bill for the relief of Claudia Marquez Rico; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 418. A bill for the relief of Shigeru Yamada; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 419. A bill for the relief of Esidonio Arreola-Saucedo, Maria Elna Cobian Arreola, Nayely Bibiana Arreola, and Cindy Jael Arreola; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 420. A bill for the relief of Jacqueline W. Coats; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 421. A bill for the relief of Robert Liang and Alice Liang; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 422. A bill to authorize any alien who has been issued a valid machine-readable biometric border crossing identification card

to be temporarily admitted into the United States upon successfully completing a background check; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. WEBB, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 423. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 424. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to carry out the Penobscot River Restoration Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 425. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the resources eligible for the renewable energy credit to kinetic hydropower, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 426. A bill to provide that all funds collected from the tariff on imports of ethanol be invested in the research, development, and deployment of biofuels, especially cellulosic ethanol produced from biomass feedstocks; 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. KOHL:

S. Res. 45. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging; from the Special Committee on Aging; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

s. 10

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 10, a bill to reinstate the pay-as-you-go requirement and reduce budget deficits by strengthening budget enforcement and fiscal responsibility.

s. 43

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 43, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to preserve and protect Social Security benefits of American workers and to help ensure greater congressional oversight of the Social Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect.

s. 85

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and In-

dian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine.

s. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

s. 207

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 207, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate part or all of any income tax refund to support reservists and National Guard members.

s. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

s. 214

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

s. 223

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

s. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

s. 280

At the request of Mr. CARPER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances, to support the deployment of new climate change-related technologies, and to ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances, and for other purposes.

s. 291

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) were added as cosponsors of S. 291, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

s. 315

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Colorado

(Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

s. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as a result of award of disability compensation.

s. 340

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 340, a bill to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States and for other purposes.

s. 358

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

s. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPs ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

s. 376

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of S. 376, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

s. 381

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, and for other purposes.

s. 382

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support