

to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3825. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-163, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 452, S.O. 06-1034 Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3826. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-162, "Quality Teacher Incentive Clarification Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3827. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-134, "Closing of a Portion of 8th Street, S.E., and the Public Alley in Squares 5956 and W-5956, S.O. 05-4555, Act of 2007" received on October 26, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3828. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, received on October 25, 2007; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3829. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Attorney General, received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3830. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2008 to 2013; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3831. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Chief Financial Officer, received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3832. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and designation of an acting officer for the position of Commissioner of Labor Statistics, received on October 25, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2271. An original bill to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-213).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Daniel D. Heath, of New Hampshire, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

*Sean R. Mulvaney, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

*Patrick Francis Kennedy, of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management).

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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 Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2267. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for eldercare expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2268. A bill to require issuers of long term care insurance to establish third party review processes for disputed claims; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2269. A bill to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 2270. A bill to include health centers in the list of entities eligible for mortgage insurance under the National Housing Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2271. An original bill to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2272. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John "Marty" Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2273. A bill to enhance the functioning and integration of formerly homeless veterans who reside in permanent housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2274. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to prevent the abuse of dextromethorphan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2275. A bill to prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution in commerce of certain

children's products and child care articles that contain phthalates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2276. A bill to enhance United States competitiveness in aeronautics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2277. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitation on the issuance of qualified veterans' mortgage bonds for Alaska, Oregon, and Wisconsin and to modify the definition of qualified veteran; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2278. A bill to improve the prevention, detection, and treatment of community and healthcare-associated infections (CHAI), with a focus on antibiotic-resistant bacteria; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2279. A bill to combat international violence against women and girls; 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. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 361. A resolution to permit the collection of donations in Senate buildings to be sent to United States military personnel on active duty overseas participating in or in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and the war on terrorism; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 362. A resolution recognizing 2007 as the year of the 100th Anniversary of the American Society of Agronomy; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, her name 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.

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, supra.

S. 667

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse

and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, 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 light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, 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. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 887

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 887, a bill to restore import and entry agricultural inspection functions to the Department of Agriculture.

S. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1060, a bill to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, and for other purposes.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1356

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1356, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to establish industrial bank holding company regulation, and for other purposes.

S. 1782

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1782, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1876

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1876, a bill to prohibit extraterritorial detention and rendition, except under limited circumstances, to modify the definition of "unlawful enemy combatant" for purposes of military commissions, to extend statutory habeas corpus to detainees, and for other purposes.

S. 1880

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1880, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit dog fighting ventures.

S. 1958

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1958, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program.

S. 2050

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2050, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period in the disability insurance program, and for other purposes.

S. 2063

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2063, a bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2143

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2143, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to establish a program to improve the health and education of children through grants to expand school breakfast programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2172

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr.

ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2172, a bill to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to prohibit the importation of gems and hardwoods from Burma, to support democracy in Burma, and for other purposes.

S. 2213

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2213, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve prevention, investigation, and prosecution of cyber-crime, and for other purposes.

S. 2219

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2219, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare Program.

S. 2262

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2262, a bill to authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 334

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 334, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the degradation of the Jordan River and the Dead Sea and welcoming cooperation between the peoples of Israel, Jordan, and Palestine.

S. RES. 356

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 356, a resolution affirming that any offensive military action taken against Iran must be explicitly approved by Congress before such action may be initiated.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 2270. A bill to include health centers in the list of entities eligible for mortgage insurance under the National Housing Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, today I am pleased to introduce the Community Health Center Capital Investment Act. I also thank my colleague, Senator THAD COCHRAN of Mississippi, for joining me in sponsoring this critical legislation. Health centers in both our states are committed to serving more people, and our legislation will give them a little help to do just that.

One of our most important investments in our health-care system is