

City-Port Allen Alternate Route, Mile Marker 0.5 to Mile Marker 1.0, Bank to Bank" (RIN1625-AA00) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4301. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shipping; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" (RIN1625-ZA14) (Docket No. USCG-2007-29018) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4302. 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 "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces and Boilers" (RIN1904-AA78) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4303. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report on University Collaboration"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4304. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to operations at the Naval Petroleum Reserves for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4305. 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 "Acetamiprid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8340-6) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4306. 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 "Bacillus Thuringiensis Vip3Aa20 Protein and the Genetic Material Necessary for Its Production in Corn; Extension of Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8340-5) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4307. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Textiles and Apparel, Import Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imports of Certain Cotton Shirting Fabric: Implementation of Tariff Rate Quota Established Under the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006" (RIN0625-AA74) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4308. 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 "Employer-Owned Life Insurance" (RIN1545-BG58) (TD 9364) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4309. 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 "2008 Annual Covered Compensation Tables" (Rev. Rul. 2007-71) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4310. 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 "Annual Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualification Requirements" (Notice 2007-94) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4311. 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 "Model Amendments for Certain Section 403(b) Plans" (Rev. Proc. 2007-71) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4312. 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 "Announcement—Disqualified Corporate Interest Expense Disallowed Under Section 163(j)" (Announcement 2007-114) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4313. 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 "Notice: Tier 2 Rates for 2008" (26 U.S.C. 3241) received on December 5, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4314. 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 "Definition of Insurance Under Section 402(1) of the Code—Modification of Notice 2007-7" (Notice 2007-99) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4315. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program: Revisions to the Medicare Advantage and Part D Prescription Drug Contract Determinations, Appeals, and Intermediate Sanctions Processes" (RIN0938-AO78) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4316. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Optional State Plan Case Management Services" (RIN0938-AO50) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4317. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Integrity Program; Limitation on Contractor Liability" (RIN0938-AO88) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4318. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to Taiwan, Singapore, Canada, and the United Kingdom relative to the installation of two multi-source remote sensing satellite ground stations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4319. A communication from the Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on December 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4320. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4321. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedure for Designating Classes of Employees as Members of the Special Exposure Cohort under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act of 2002; Amendments" (RIN0920-AA13) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4322. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4323. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4324. A communication from the Executive Director, Marine Mammal Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4325. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4326. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4327. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4328. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reasonable Charges for Medical Care or Services" (RIN2900-AM35) received on December 4, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4329. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Presumptive Period for Compensation for Gulf War Veterans" (RIN2900-AM47) received on December 3, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2445. An original bill to provide for the flexibility of certain disaster relief funds, and for improved evacuation and sheltering during disasters and catastrophes (Rept. No. 110-240).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 2135. A bill to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, and for other purposes.

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. KYL:

S. 2442. A bill to provide the Secretary of Agriculture with alternatives to comply with the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 2443. A bill to provide for the release of any revisionary interest of the United States in and to certain lands in Reno, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DODD):

S. 2444. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to provide grants to establish and evaluate sustainability programs, charged with developing and implementing integrated environmental, economic, and social sustainability initiatives, and to direct the Secretary of Education to convene a summit of higher education experts in the area of sustainability; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2445. An original bill to provide for the flexibility of certain disaster relief funds, and for improved evacuation and sheltering during disasters and catastrophes; from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 2446. A bill to provide that the Secretary of Homeland Security may waive certain retirement provisions for reemployed annuitants in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2447. A bill to make a technical correction to section 119 of title 17, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 2448. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to make certain technical corrections; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2449. A bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2450. A bill to amend the Federal Rules of Evidence to address the waiver of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2451. A bill to enhance public safety by improving the reintegration of youth offend-

ers into the families and communities to which they are returning; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. DOLE:

S.J. Res. 27. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the line item veto; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. INOUYE (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 400. A resolution to designate Friday, November 23, 2007, as “Native American Heritage Day” in honor of the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. Res. 401. A resolution to provide Internet access to certain Congressional Research Service publications; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1107

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island

(Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1107, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) 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. 1394

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 1394, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to exclude from gross income of individual taxpayers discharges of indebtedness attributable to certain forgiven residential mortgage obligations.

S. 1910

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1910, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that amounts derived from Federal grants and State matching funds in connection with revolving funds established in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act will not be treated as proceeds or replacement proceeds for purposes of section 148 of such Code.

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1910, *supra*.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 2020

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2020, a bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2010, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the “Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2007”, and for other purposes.

S. 2042

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Montana