

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-186, "Washington Convention Center Authority Advisory Committee Continuity Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4345. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-185, "Closing Agreement Temporary Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4346. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-184, "Real Property Tax Benefits Revision Temporary Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4347. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-183, "East of the River Hospital Revitalization Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4348. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Corporation's Inspector General for the six-month period from April 1, 2007, to September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4349. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-182, "Appointment of the Chief Medical Examiner Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4350. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-189, "Fire Hydrant Inspection, Repair, Maintenance, and Fire Preparedness Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4351. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-188, "East of the River Hospital Revitalization Tax Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4352. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-187, "Access to Youth Employment Programs Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4353. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-181, "Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4354. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-180, "District of Columbia Consumer Protection Fund Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4355. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-179, "Doubled Fines in Construction or Work Zones Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 10, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-268. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to develop and implement a system for providing homeowners discounts on their property insurance if they install carbon monoxide detectors; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-269. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to pass legislation regulating crane operations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-270. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County of the State of Florida opposing legislation that would preempt local governments from suing firms that rent hotel rooms over the Internet to recover unpaid bed taxes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 506. A bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-241).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment:

S. 1429. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the provision of technical assistance to small public water systems (Rept. No. 110-242).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 1785, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act (Rept. No. 110-243).

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

S. 781. A bill to extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect Do-Not-Call Registry fees to fiscal years after fiscal year 2007 (Rept. No. 110-244).

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

S. 1965. A bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors (Rept. No. 110-245).

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

with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2096. A bill to amend the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal "do-not-call" registry (Rept. No. 110-246).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

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 (Rept. No. 110-247).

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

S. 911. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 1916. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research 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. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DURBIN)):

S. 2452. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide protection to consumers with respect to certain high-cost loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 2453. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to clarify requirements relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of national origin; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2454. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to protect the privacy rights of subscribers to wireless communications services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2455. A bill to provide \$1,000,000,000 in emergency Community Development Block Grant funding for necessary expenses related to the impact of foreclosures on communities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. ROBERTS)):

S. 2456. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve and secure an adequate supply of influenza vaccine; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 2457. A bill to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket

Pequot (Western) Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2458. A bill to promote and enhance the operation of local building code enforcement administration across the country by establishing a competitive Federal matching grant program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2459. A bill to authorize appropriations for research and enforcement activities of the Federal Trade Commission related to misleading mortgage advertisements; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BURR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BOND):

S. 2460. A bill to extend by one year the moratorium on implementation of a rule relating to the Federal-State financial partnership under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program and on finalization of a rule regarding graduate medical education under Medicaid and to include a moratorium on the finalization of the outpatient Medicaid rule making similar changes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2461. A bill to authorize the transfer of certain earmarked funds to accounts for operations and activities in Iraq and Afghanistan; read the first time.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2462. A bill to provide that before the Secretary of Defense may furlough any employee of the Department of Defense on the basis of a lack of funds, the Secretary shall suspend any nonessential service contract entered into by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KYL, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 402. A resolution recognizing the life and contributions of Henry John Hyde; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. Res. 403. A resolution congratulating Boys Town on its 90th anniversary celebration; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the

Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 958

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1003

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1464

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1464, a bill to establish a Global Service Fellowship Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1506

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1506, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1514, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 1664

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1664, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Robert M. La Follette, Sr., in recognition of his important contributions to the Progressive movement, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States.

S. 1665

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1665, a bill to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Robert M. La Follette, Sr., in recognition of his important contributions to the Progressive movement, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States.

S. 1841

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1841, a bill to provide a site for the National Women's History Museum in Washington, District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1995

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1995, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level.

S. 2056

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2056, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore financial stability to Medicare anesthesiology teaching programs for resident physicians.

S. 2064

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2064, a bill to fund comprehensive programs to ensure an adequate supply of nurses.

S. 2080

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2080, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, and for other purposes.

S. 2112

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Delaware