

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-210, "Health Services Planning Program Re-establishment Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4423. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-208, "Mortgage Disclosure Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4424. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-206, "Heurich House Foundation Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4425. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-207, "Southeast Water and Sewer Improvement Special Assessment Authorization Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4426. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-205, "Home Equity Protection Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4427. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-198, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square N-515, S.O. 07-6534, Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4428. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-197, "Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 234, S.O. 07-7717, Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4429. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-195, "Omnibus Sports Consolidation Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4430. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-194, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 347, S.O. 06-5596, Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4431. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-178, "Advisory Neighborhood Commission Clarification Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4432. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-191, "Retail Service Station Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4433. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-193, "District of Columbia Regional Airports Authority Clarification

Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4434. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-192, "Neighborhood Investment Amendment Act of 2007" received on December 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4435. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed personnel management demonstration project; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4436. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report relative to its competitive sourcing accomplishments for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4437. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a personnel management demonstration project at the National Nuclear Security Administration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4438. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-annual Report of the Board's Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2007, to September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4439. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2007 Financial Report of the U.S. Government"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4440. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's inventory of commercial and inherently governmental activities for fiscal year 2006 and fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4441. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electioneering Communications" (Notice 2007-26) received on December 17, 2007; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2008" (Rept. No. 110-250).

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Joint Economic Committee:

Special Report entitled "The 2007 Joint Economic Report" (Rept. No. 110-251).

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

H.R. 3571. A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit individuals who have served as employees of the Office of Compliance to serve as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, or General Counsel of the Office, and to permit individuals appointed to such positions to serve one additional term.

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. 901. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

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

S. 1551. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN from the Committee on Armed Services.

\*James Shinn, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

\*Mary Beth Long, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

\*John H. Gibson, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

\*Craig W. Duehring, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Roger A. Brady, 6581, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, 8008, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Walter D. Givhan, 4773, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. William L. Shelton, 0678, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Allyson R. Solomon, 1378, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Christopher F. Burne and ending with Col. Dwight D. Creasy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 11, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Colonel Robert B. Abrams and ending with Colonel Larry D. Wyche, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 18, 2007. (minus 1 nominee: Colonel David A. Teeple)

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb, 7058, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, 0573, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Dana K. Chipman, 5098, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Dennis L. Celletti, 9486, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. David P. Valcourt, 6455, to be Lieutenant General.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Joseph V. Treanor III, 1454, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Pamela L. Browngrayson, 7980, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Alicia J. Edwards, 1872, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Theresa D. Brownoonquah and ending with Cheryl A. Johnson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 6, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jeffrey J. Hoffmann and ending with Gerald B.

Whisler III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 6, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kelley A. Brown and ending with Mark A. Nielsen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 6, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with John R. Shaw and ending with Natalie L. Restivo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 11, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with William E. Ackerman and ending with Mark A. Vaitkus, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Rachel A. Armstrong and ending with Veronica A. Thurmond, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Vivian T. Hutson and ending with Laurie E. Sweet, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Gary D. Coleman and ending with Paul E. Whippo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2007.

Army nomination of Lillian L. Landrigan, 7903, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Sarah B. Goldman and ending with Micheal B. Moore, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Ricky A. Thomas and ending with Joseph Puskar, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2007.

Army nomination of Tarnjit S. Saini, 7873, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Bockarie Sesay, 1511, to be Major.

Army nomination of Deborah Minnickshearin, 3875, to be Major.

Army nomination of Stephen L. Franco, 5820, to be Major.

Army nomination of George Quiroa, 9747, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with David N. Gereski and ending with Clint E. Walker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2007.

Army nomination of Kimberly K. Johnson, 4357, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Alan Jones and ending with Chantay P. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Marian Amrein and ending with D060583, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2007.

Army nomination of Daniel J. Judge, 1126, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Richard Harrison and ending with Gregory W. Walter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 6, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Joe R. Wardlaw and ending with Nickolas Karajohn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 6, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Vanessa M. Meyer and ending with James E. Adams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 6, 2007.

Army nomination of Quindola M. Crowley, 9098, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Paul A. Mabry and ending with Robert Perito, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 11, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Joseph M. Adams and ending with D060256, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 11, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Anthony J. Abati and ending with D060260, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 11, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with David P. Acevedo and ending with X1408, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 11, 2007.

Navy nomination of Horace E. Gilchrist, 8910, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Richard W. Sisk and ending with John T. Schofield, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 3, 2007.

Navy nominations beginning with Stephen W. Aldridge and ending with Kristofer J. Westphal, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 11, 2007.

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

\*Thomas C. Carper, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

\*Nancy A. Naples, of New York, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

\*Denver Stutler, Jr., of Florida, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

\*Francis Mulvey, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2012.

\*Carl T. Johnson, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Michael R. Seward, 2642, to be Rear Admiral.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Capt. Joseph R. Castillo and ending with Capt. Charles W. Ray, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 1, 2007.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) William D. Baumgartner and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Cynthia A. Coogan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 1, 2007.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Robert A. Stohlman, 0118, to be Captain.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Raymond S. Kingsley, 9696, to be Lieutenant.

By Mr. BINGAMAN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

\*Jon Wellingshoff, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2013.

By Mrs. BOXER for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

\*Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2012.

\*Gregory B. Jaczko, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2013.

\*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.

(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. REID (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. CARDIN)):

S. 2495. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure with respect to bail bond forfeitures; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2496. A bill to amend title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to enhance teaching standards and provide for license portability; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 2497. A bill to ensure that families of members of the National Guard and Reserve have full access to mental health care during the mobilization, deployment, and demobilization of such members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2498. A bill to authorize the minting of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Santa Fe, New Mexico, to occur in 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2499. A bill to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend provisions under the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP programs, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORKER):

S. 2500. A bill to provide fair compensation to artists for use of their sound recordings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REED, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. INOUE, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2501. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to protect Social Security cost-of-living adjustments (COLA); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2502. A bill to provide for the establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historical Park located on the island of Molokai, in the State of Hawaii, to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly relocated to the