

Corps along with its 2006 Annual Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1940. A communication from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Official Fees and Tolerances for Barley Protein Testing" (RIN0580-AA95) received on May 11, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1941. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of Colonel Charles W. Hooper to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1942. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of the authorization of Brigadier General James L. Williams to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1943. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indiana Regulatory Program" (IN-157-POR) received on May 16, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1944. A communication from the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the findings of a study of issues regarding energy rights-of-way on tribal land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1945. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification relative to the importation of harvested shrimp; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1946. 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 "Guidance Regarding Heavy Hybrid Motor Vehicles" (Notice 2007-46) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1947. 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 "Discontinue Publication of BLS-LIFO Department Store Inventory Price Indexes" (Notice 2007-44) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1948. 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 "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—March 2007" (Notice 2007-34) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1949. 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 "Withdrawal of Obsolete Guidance on Blocked Income" (Rev. Rul. 2007-35) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1950. 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 "Health Savings Accounts Inflation Adjustments" (Rev. Proc. 2007-36) received on May 15, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1951. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, two draft bills relative to the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1952. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the removal of radiation-hardened microelectronic circuits from the United States Munitions List; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1953. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an amendment to Part 121 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1954. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the final report of the Academic Competitiveness Council; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1955. A communication from the Chairman and Commissioners, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, a draft bill intended to "amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 to revise the Act to clarify the scope of the National Indian Gaming Commission's authority and to make such other technical amendments as are required"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1956. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the federal cocaine sentencing policy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1957. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a legislative proposal entitled "Intellectual Property Protection Act of 2007"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

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

\*David James Gribbin IV, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Craig E. Bone and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Brian M. Salerno, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 29, 2007.

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 Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 1405. A bill to enhance the ability of community banks to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1406. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to strengthen polar bear conservation efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1407. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain systems installed in nonresidential and residential rental buildings; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1408. A bill to improve quality in health care by providing incentives for adoption of modern information technology; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1409. A bill to provide and enhance education, housing, and entrepreneur assistance for veterans who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 1410. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1411. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency an office to measure and report on greenhouse gas emissions of Federal agencies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1412. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Development Act of 2002 to support beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1413. A bill to provide for research and education with respect to uterine fibroids, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1414. A bill to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1415. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to improve screening and treatment of cancers, provide for survivorship services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DODD, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1416. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for mortgage insurance premiums; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 203. A resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. Res. 204. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with regard to the importance of National Women's Health Week, which promotes awareness of diseases that affect women and which encourages women to take preventive measures to ensure good health; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. OBAMA, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. Res. 205. A resolution designating June 2007 as "National Internet Safety Month"; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 67

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 67, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 150

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of pregnant women, fetuses, infants, and children by requiring a health advisory and drinking water standard for perchlorate.

S. 340

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) 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. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) 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. 558

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Kentucky

(Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, *supra*.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) 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. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 971, a bill to establish the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, to provide funding for the support of fundamental agricultural research of the highest quality, and for other purposes.

S. 1003

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) 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. 1060

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) 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. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1226, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish programs to improve the quality, performance, and delivery of pediatric care.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) 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.