

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1958. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of defense articles in Turkey in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1959. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the determination of five countries that are not cooperating fully with U.S. antiterrorism efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1960. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of payment-in-kind compensation negotiated with the United Kingdom for the return of U.S.-funded housing and improvements in Bentwaters, Bishop's Green, Blackbushe, Burtonwood, Caversfield, Chicksands, Clayhill, Greenham Common, Sculthorpe, Upper Heyford, Welford, and Woodbridge; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1961. A communication from the Director, Office of Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report certifying that the cost of Wedges 2 through 5 of the Pentagon Renovation will be within the specified limitation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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-95. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire supporting the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 9

Whereas, the people of New Hampshire value clean air and water, and prioritize natural resources protection for economic growth, and better health, and quality of life for our citizens;

Whereas, the governor of New Hampshire has declared in executive order number 2005-4 that New Hampshire will lead-by-example in energy efficiency to protect public health, future economic growth, our environment, quality of life, and taxpayer dollars; and

Whereas, the use of energy for electricity, heating, cooling, and transportation has a significant effect on public health and the environment, contributing to such problems as ground-level ozone, acid rain, eutrophication of water bodies, soot, haze, mercury contamination, and climate change; and

Whereas, 5 New Hampshire cities, Dover, Keene, Manchester, Nashua, and Portsmouth, and many cities across the United States, have signed onto the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and have reduced global warming pollution through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, economic development, and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies,

and have recognized that energy efficiency and conservation will save taxpayer money; and

Whereas, rural communities and agriculture sectors will benefit from energy efficiency and conservation and the development of a broad spectrum of renewable energy sources including wind power, biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters, and solar, including establishing additional markets for agricultural commodities, creating new uses for crops, livestock, and their byproducts, more productive use of marginal lands, improving wildlife habitat, and providing new employment opportunities; and

Whereas, significant reduction in New Hampshire's greenhouse gas emissions, diversification of in-state energy sources, and collaboration with other northeastern states will have a measurable effect on global warming and New Hampshire will lead the region with sustainable economic growth, the next generation of new technology, and dynamic job creation; and

Whereas, producing 25 percent of New Hampshire's energy demand from renewable sources by the year 2025 is realistic and presents numerous benefits for the state's communities, diversifies the business sector, protects the environment and public health, and promotes national security; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives: That the New Hampshire house of representatives supports the vision of a "25 by 25" goal, whereby renewable energy will provide 25 percent of the total energy consumed in New Hampshire by the year 2025; and

That the New Hampshire house of representatives supports incentives to consumers to increase energy efficiency and conservation; and

That the New Hampshire house of representatives agrees that smart energy measures, like anti-idling policies, expanding public transportation choices, and appropriate vehicle selection for state agency uses, will help reduce air pollution and global warming gases; and

That copies of this resolution, signed by the speaker of the house of representatives be forwarded by the house clerk to the governor of New Hampshire, the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

POM-96. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire urging Congress to take actions relative to veterans' benefits and the war in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 10

Whereas, in the history of military campaigns for over 2 centuries beginning with the Revolutionary War, the people of the United States of America have engaged in military and diplomatic initiatives to gain and preserve freedom for all people; and

Whereas, the citizens of the state of New Hampshire strongly support the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces in Iraq, Afghanistan, and arenas known and not yet known; and

Whereas, over 3,000 American military personnel, including 17 from New Hampshire, have died since March of 2003 in the hostilities in Iraq, and tens of thousands have returned home with significant unmet physical and other health care needs; and

Whereas, the citizens of the state of New Hampshire recognize, appreciate, and are forever thankful for the sacrifices that all of our American and New Hampshire soldiers

have made, especially those who have given their lives or been wounded in previous and current battles to protect our freedoms; and

Whereas, the unknown time line of the war in Iraq has stretched thin our National Guard and Reserves, including the New Hampshire national guard, and created a severe equipment shortage, thereby reducing the readiness level of our National Guard to fully meet its missions of responding to natural disasters, terrorism, and protecting us at home; and

Whereas, the New Hampshire house of representatives has an obligation to speak out on matters which affect the people of our state, and the ability of our government to protect us at home; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives: That the New Hampshire house of representatives and the American people will continue to support and protect the members of the United States Armed Forces and the New Hampshire national guard who are serving or who have served bravely and honorably in Iraq and elsewhere; and

That the New Hampshire house of representatives disapproves of the decision of President George W. Bush, announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq; and

That the New Hampshire house of representatives calls on the Bush Administration and Congress to fund fully all benefits for veterans to appropriately care for our brave men and women when they return from this war and other combat; and

That the New Hampshire house of representatives urges the President and Congress to commence talks with the neighbors in the Middle East and begin the orderly withdrawal of American military forces from Iraq; and

That the clerk of the New Hampshire house of representatives send copies of this resolution to governor John Lynch, the president and minority leader of the New Hampshire state senate, the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Defense, the United States Secretary of State, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

H.R. 1675. A bill to suspend the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding electronic filing of previous participation certificates and regarding filing of such certificates with respect to certain low-income housing investors.

H.R. 1676. A bill to reauthorize the program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for loan guarantees for Indian housing.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 130. A resolution designating July 28, 2007, as "National Day of the American Cowboy".

S. Res. 132. A resolution recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 65 years of service to the United States.

S. Res. 138. A resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez.

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 254. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

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 Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1417. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to Congress providing a master plan for the use of the West Los Angeles Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1418. A bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REID:

S. 1419. A bill to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers from price gouging, to increase the energy efficiency of products, buildings and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1420. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require staff working with developmentally disabled individuals to call emergency services in the event of a life-threatening situation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1421. A bill to provide for the maintenance, management, and availability for research of assets of Air Force Health Study; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1422. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to provide to agricultural operators and producers a reserve to assist in the stabilization of farm income during low-revenue years, to assist operators and producers to invest in value-added farms, to promote higher levels of environmental stewardship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1423. A bill to extend tax relief to the residents and businesses of an area with respect to which a major disaster has been declared by the President under section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (FEMA-1699-DR) by reason of severe storms and tornados beginning on May 4, 2007, and determined by the President to warrant individual or public assistance from the Federal Government under such Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1424. A bill to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1425. A bill to enhance the defense nanotechnology research and development program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1426. A bill to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to reauthorize the market access program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1427. A bill to establish the Federal Emergency Management Agency as an independent agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1428. A bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1429. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the provision of technical assistance to small public water systems; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1430. A bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1431. A bill to provide for a statewide early childhood education professional development and career system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. REED):

S. 1432. A bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve access to healthy foods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. Res. 206. A resolution to provide for a budget point of order against legislation that increases income taxes on taxpayers, including hardworking middle-income families, entrepreneurs, and college students; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DODD:

S. Res. 207. A resolution calling on the President of the United States immediately to recommend new candidates for the positions of the Attorney General of the United States and the President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (commonly known as the "World Bank") in order to preserve the integrity and the efficacy of the Department of Justice and the World Bank; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. MURRAY,

Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SUNUNU, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 208. A resolution encouraging the elimination of harmful fishing subsidies that contribute to overcapacity in the world's commercial fishing fleet and lead to the overfishing of global fish stocks; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. Res. 209. A resolution expressing support for the new power-sharing government in Northern Ireland; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. INOUE):

S. Res. 210. A resolution honoring the accomplishments of Stephen Joel Trachtenberg as president of the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., in recognition of his upcoming retirement in July 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special period of limitation when uniformed services retirement pay is reduced as result of award of disability compensation.

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors 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. 383

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 383, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to amend title