

EC-1979. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, the report of a legislative proposal entitled "Student Loan Fairness Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1980. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-41, "Verizon Center Sales Tax Revenue Bond Approval Act of 2007" received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1981. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-39, "Human Papillomavirus Vaccination and Reporting Act of 2007" received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1982. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-40, "Lorraine H. Whitlock Memorial Bridge Designation Act of 2007" received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1983. A communication from the Acting Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Director, received on May 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 1079. A bill to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted on May 21, 2007:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Howard Charles Weizmann, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted on May 17, 2007:

By Mr. DODD for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Michael W. Tankersley, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Mario Mancuso, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Janis Herschkowitz, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

David George Nason, of Rhode Island, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

Nguyen Van Hanh, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

*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 Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1433. A bill to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to provide competitive status to certain Federal employees in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1434. A bill to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to promote the use of energy and water efficiency measures in Federal buildings, to promote energy savings performance contracts and utility energy service contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 1435. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to increase the capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1436. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to add clementines to the list of fruits and vegetables subject to minimum quality import requirements issued by the Secretary of Agriculture; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BROWN, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1437. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1438. A bill to improve railroad safety; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1439. A bill to reauthorize the broadband loan and loan guarantee program under title VI of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1440. A bill to provide for judicial determination of injury in certain cases involving dumped and subsidized merchandise imported into the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1441. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to accept new applications for grants for State home construction projects to authorize the Secretary

to award grants for construction of facilities used in non-institutional care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS:

S. 1442. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish new units of Customs Patrol Officers; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 1443. A bill to provide standards for renewable fuels and coal-derived fuels; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S.J. Res. 13. A joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding; 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. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 211. A resolution expressing the profound concerns of the Senate regarding the transgression against freedom of thought and expression that is being carried out in Venezuela, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 212. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate relating to legislation to curb global warming; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 231

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 231, a bill to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

S. 280

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 280, a bill to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances, to support the deployment of new climate change-related technologies, and to ensure benefits to consumers from trading in such allowances, and for other purposes.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) 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. 413

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 458

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 458, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the treatment of certain physician pathology services under the Medicare program.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) 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.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to provide the non-immigrant spouses and children of non-immigrant aliens who perished in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks an opportunity to adjust their status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and for other purposes.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were

added as cosponsors 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. 700

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 764

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 764, a bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to permit States the option of coverage of legal immigrants under the Medicaid Program and the State children's health insurance program (CHIP).

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 807

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) 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. 893

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 893, a bill to allow a State to combine certain funds and enter into a performance agreement with the Secretary of Education to improve the academic achievement of students.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator

from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) 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 Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) 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. 946

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) 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. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1012

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage States to provide pregnant

women enrolled in the Medicaid program with access to comprehensive tobacco cessation services.

S. 1027

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1027, a bill to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1070

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors 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. 1200

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

S. 1213

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1213, a bill to give States the flexibility to reduce bureaucracy by streamlining enrollment processes for the Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Programs through better linkages with programs providing nutrition and related assistance to low-income families.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 1312

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1312, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure the right of employees to a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 1340

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1340, a bill to amend title

XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries with access to geriatric assessments and chronic care coordination services, and for other purposes.

S. 1363

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1363, a bill to improve health care for severely injured members and former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1395

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1395, a bill to prevent unfair practices in credit card accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 1415

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. CON. RES. 26

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 26, a concurrent resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States.

S. CON. RES. 27

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 27, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

S. RES. 205

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 205, a resolution designating June 2007 as "National Internet Safety Month".

S. RES. 210

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 1139

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1139 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2206, making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1433. A bill to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to provide competitive status to certain Federal employees in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, last year, as we approached the beginning of National Police Week 2006, our Nation was saddened by the tragic loss of two Fairfax County, VA, police officers, Detective Vicki Armel and Master Police Officer Michael Gambarino, in an ambush at the Sully District Police Station. Once again, as National Police Week 2007 drew to a close, the Nation found itself in mourning at the loss of an officer who was ambushed over the weekend. I am referring to Moscow, ID, Police Officer Lee Newbill, a husband and a father of three who was fatally shot on Saturday night. We do not remember our fallen law enforcement officers for the way they gave their lives but for the way they lived them. The people of the State of Alaska extend our condolences to Officer Newbill's wife and three children. We are also thinking about Brannon Jordan, a Latah County sheriff's deputy who was shot in the incident, but who is expected to recover, according to media reports.

I would like to take this opportunity once again to speak about the life and accomplishments of the late Thomas P. O'Hara, a National Park Service protection ranger and pilot who gave his life in the line of duty, an Alaskan hero.

Thomas P. O'Hara was assigned to the Katmai National Park and Preserve in the Bristol Bay region of western Alaska. On December 19, 2002, Ranger O'Hara and his passenger, a Fish and Wildlife Service employee, were on a mission in the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge. Their plane went down on the tundra.