

D.C. Act 16-610, "Washington Convention Center Advisory Committee Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-417. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-609, "Tenant-Owner Voting in Conversion Election Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-418. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-611, "Old Engine Company 12 Deposit of Sale Proceeds Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-419. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-612, "Closing Agreement Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-420. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-613, "Real Property Tax Benefits Revision Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-421. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-614, "Lower Income Homeownership Cooperative Housing Association Re-Clarification Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-422. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-615, "Nuisance Properties Abatement Reform and Real Property Classification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-423. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-616, "New Town at Capital City Market Revitalization Development and Public/Private Partnership Temporary Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-424. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-617, "Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-425. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-600, "PILOT Authorization Increase and Arthur Capper/Carrollburg Public Improvements Revenue Bonds Approval Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-426. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-637, "Comprehensive Plan Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-427. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-601, "NoMa Improvement Association Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-428. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-602, "Mount Vernon Triangle BID Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-429. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-603, "Alcohol and Narcotics-Related Claims Liability Exclusion Repeal Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 349. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to employers and employees of small businesses, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-1).

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. KERRY:

S. 341. A bill to restore fairness in the provision of incentives for oil and gas production, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 342. A bill to expand visa waiver program to countries on a probationary basis and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. AKAKA, and Ms. LANDBRIEU):

S. 343. A bill to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 344. A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN):

S. 345. A bill to establish a Homeland Security and Neighborhood Safety Trust Fund and refocus Federal priorities toward securing the Homeland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 346. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 347. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 348. A bill to improve the amendments made by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 349. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to employers and employees of small businesses, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 350. A bill to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 351. A bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 352. A bill to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 353. A bill to authorize ecosystem restoration projects for the Indian River Lagoon-South and the Picayune Strand, Collier County, in the State of Florida; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 354. A bill to provide for disclosure of fire safety standards and measures with respect to campus buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 355. A bill to establish a National Commission on Entitlement Solvency; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR,

Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 356. A bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed regarding the pain experienced by their unborn child; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 357. A bill to improve passenger automobile fuel economy and safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce dependence on foreign oil, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. DODD, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ALLARD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr.

SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 358. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 359. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide additional support to students; 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. VITTER (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 35. A resolution expressing support for prayer at school board meetings; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 36. A resolution honoring women's health advocate Cynthia Boles Dailard; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2, *supra*.

S. 3

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 10

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 10, a bill to reinstate the pay-as-you-go requirement and reduce budget deficits by strengthening budget enforcement and fiscal responsibility.

S. 101

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 101, a bill to update and reinvigorate universal service provided under the Communications Act of 1934.

S. 184

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 184, a bill to provide improved rail and surface transportation security.

S. 214

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 291, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) 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 New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) 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. 340

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) 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. CON. RES. 2

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 2, a concurrent resolution expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq.

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 2, *supra*.

S. RES. 34

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 34, a resolution calling for the strengthening of the efforts of the United States to defeat the Taliban and terrorist networks in Afghanistan.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 342. A bill to expand visa waiver program to countries on a probationary basis and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise to introduce The Secure Travel and Counterterrorism Partnership Act of 2007, along with my good friends Senators AKAKA, LUGAR, and MIKULSKI.

This legislation would expand the U.S. Visa Waiver Program in a way that would increase cooperation with key allies in the War on Terror while strengthening U.S. national security.

The bill provides a way for us to expand and improve the Visa Waiver Program so that Americans are safer and our Nation is more prosperous for years to come.

This legislation comes at a particularly important time in our Nation's history. We are currently facing multiple foreign policy challenges in the post-9/11 world. We need the cooperation of several allies to combat transnational threats. As such, we are asking our friends and allies to contribute more of their troops and resources to Iraq, Afghanistan, and other conflicts in the world, so that we can be successful. This legislation will help us to solidify key relationships and increase goodwill toward the U.S. for years to come, while also enhancing travel security standards and safety at home.

My legislation would authorize the Department of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Department of State, to expand the Visa Waiver Program to countries that are true friends of America and are prepared to do more to help us keep terrorists and criminals out of our borders.

For those that do not know about the Visa Waiver Program, it was established in 1986 to improve relations with U.S. allies and strengthen the U.S. economy. The program permitted nationals from the selected countries to enter the United States without a visa for up to 90 days for tourism or business purposes.

Currently, 27 countries participate in the program, including the United Kingdom. No countries have been added to the Visa Waiver Program since 1999. But there are a number of newer allies who would also like to participate in the Visa Waiver Program and are willing to meet strict security requirements and cooperate on counterterrorism initiatives.

Many of these countries were former members of the Soviet Union. They were victims of Soviet oppression for years, against their will, and despite their desire for freedom. These countries have a unique understanding of the struggle for democracy taking place in Iraq and Afghanistan. Today, many of these countries have had boots on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan