EC-2624. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fire Penetration Resistance of Thermal/Acoustic Insulation Installed on Transport Category Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AI75)(Docket No. FAA-2006-24277)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2625. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration. Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace: Redmond, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06-ANM-5)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2626. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule "Modification of Class E Airspace; Peru, IL'' ((RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 07-AGL-1)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2627. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EADS SOCATA Model TBM 700 Airplanes' ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2006-CE-63)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2628. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration. Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Leariet Model 45 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-NM-066)) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2629. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Catcher Vessels in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA83) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2630. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Extend the North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program Beyond (RIN0648-AU58) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce,

Science, and Transportation. EC-2631. A communication from the Director. Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Catcher Processors in the Gulf of Alaska' (RIN0648-XA91) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

Transportation.

EC-2632. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish, Pacific Ocean Perch, and Pelagic Shelf Rockfish for Catcher Vessels Participating in the Rockfish Limited Access Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA82) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2633. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Action, Temporary Rule, Closure of the Eastern U.S./Canada Area" (RIN0648-XA92) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2634. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Administration. Safety Department Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FMVSS No. 202 Reconsideration of Technical Issues' (RIN2127-AJ96) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2635. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Pro-(RIN0660-ZA17) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2636. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Early Warning Reporting Clarifying Amendments' (RIN2127-AJ94) received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2637. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's plan to expand the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to one billion barrels: to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2638. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's performance report for fiscal year 2006 relative to the Animal Drug User Fee Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2639. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's performance report for fiscal year 2006 relative to the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2640. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security. transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (72 FR 34630) received on July 18, 2007: to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

EC-2641. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Administrator of Grant Programs, received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2642. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2006, through March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2643. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy, received on July 18, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

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

*Bijan Rafiekian, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2011.

*Diane G. Farrell, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2011.

*William Herbert Heyman, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2007 vice Deborah Doyle McWhinney, term expired.

*Mark S. Shelton, of Kansas, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31,

*William S. Jasien, of Virginia, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31,

*William Herbert Heyman, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2010.

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

*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nomination of Jonathan W. Bailey, to be Rear Admiral.

*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nomination of Philip M. Kenul, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

*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 Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1816. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a commemorative trail in connection with the Women's Rights National Historical Park to link properties that are historically and thematically associated with the struggle for women's suffrage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mrs. McCaskill, Mrs. Boxer, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Whitehouse):

S. 1817. A bill to ensure proper administration of the discharge of members of the Armed Forces for personality disorder, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1818. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to phase out the use of mercury in the manufacture of chlorine and caustic soda, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. Mur-KOWSKI, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 1819. A bill to amend the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 to modify a deadline relating to a certain election by Indian tribes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1820. A bill to better provide for compensation for certain persons injured in the course of employment at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in California; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1821. A bill to prohibit the closure or relocation of any county, local, or field office of the Farm Service Agency or Natural Resources Conservation Service or any office related to the rural development mission of the Department of Agriculture until at least 1 year after the enactment of an Act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs after fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 1822. A bill to amend the Federal Direct Loan Program to provide that interest shall not accrue on Federal Direct Loans for active duty service members and their spouses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. BOND):

S. 1823. A bill to set the United States on track to ensure children are ready to learn when they begin kindergarten; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1824. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Hospital Quality Report Card Initiative under the Medicare program to assess and report on health care quality in hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mrs. McCaskill, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Brown, Mr. Casey, Mr. Tester, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Levin, Mr. Carper, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Obama, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Dodd, and Ms. Landrieu):

S. 1825. A bill to provide for the study and investigation of wartime contracts and contracting processes in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. 1826. A bill to add Kentucky State University to the list of schools eligible for assistance under part B of title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1827. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment to pharmacies under part D, to restrict pharmacy co-branding on prescription drug cards issued under such part, and to provide guidelines for Medication Therapy Management Services programs offered by prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans under such part; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1828. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study of the feasibility of increasing the consumption in the United States of certain ethanol-blended gasoline; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. SHEL-BY):

S. 1829. A bill to reauthorize programs under the Missing Children's Assistance Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 1830. A bill to amend the Federal Direct Loan Program to provide that interest shall not accrue on Federal Direct Loans for active duty service members and their spouses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1831. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act, to improve disclosures for private student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1832. A bill to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act, the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, and the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1833. A bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to require third-party verification of compliance of children's products with consumer product safety standards promulgated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 1834. A bill to improve the health of Americans through the gradual elimination of tobacco products; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1835. A bill to require a report and audit on the transfer of personnel and functions from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 1836. A bill to require the Comptroller General to address certain questions in connection with the closure of Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and the transfer of personnel, functions, and activities from Fort Monmouth to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 1837. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide loans to eligible agricultural producers of eligible commodities that are used to produce bioenergy to ensure that the capacities of the commodity storage facilities of the agricultural producers are adequate for the storage requirements of the agricultural producers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1838. A bill to provide for the health care needs of veterans in far South Texas; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 1839. A bill to require periodic reports on claims related to acts of terrorism against Americans perpetrated or supported by the Government of Libya; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. Lugar, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Brownback, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEIN-STEIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. Res. 276. A resolution calling for the urgent deployment of a robust and effective multinational peacekeeping mission with sufficient size, resources, leadership, and mandate to protect civilians in Darfur, Sudan, and for efforts to strengthen the renewal of a just and inclusive peace process; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 462

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 462, a bill to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, and for other purposes.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. Feinstein, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. Boxer) was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) 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