

No. 8352-2) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5300. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetic Acid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8350-8) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5301. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, its semiannual report relative to monetary policy; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5302. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to funds provided for Federal-aid highway and safety construction programs; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5303. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Critical Skills Retention Bonus program for military personnel; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5304. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8530-7) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5305. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio" (FRL No. 8533-8) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5306. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 8535-9) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5307. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Areas to Attainment and Approval of the Areas' Maintenance Plans and 2002 Base-Year Inventories; Correction" (FRL No. 8536-6) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5308. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and 2002 Base Year Inventory" (FRL No. 8536-5) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5309. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; VOC and NOx RACT Determinations for Merck and Co., Inc." (FRL No. 8536-4) received on

February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5310. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegated Authority to Order Use of Procedures for Access to Certain Sensitive Unclassified Information" (RIN3150-AI32) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5311. 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 "Fuel Cell Motor Vehicle Credit" (Notice 2008-33) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5312. 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 "Voluntary Closing Agreement Program for Issuers of Tax-Exempt Bonds and Tax Credit Bonds" (Notice 2008-31) received on February 27, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5313. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Board's activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5314. A communication from the Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mine Rescue Teams" (RIN1219-AB53) received on February 28, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5315. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Community Services Block Grant Act Discretionary Activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5316. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Attorney General, received on February 27, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5317. A communication from the Director, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of Citizenship and Immigration Services for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON MARCH 4, 2008

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment:

S. 1675. A bill to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service (Rept. No. 110-271).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 1469. A bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (Rept. No. 110-272).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2798. A bill to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-273).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. \*J. Gregory Copeland, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment 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. DOLE:

S. 2703. A bill to reduce the reporting and certification burdens for certain financial institutions of sections 302 and 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2704. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of services of qualified respiratory therapists performed under the general supervision of a physician; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. REED, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2705. A bill to authorize programs to increase the number of nurses within the Armed Forces through assistance for service as nurse faculty or education as nurses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 2706. A bill to impose a limitation on lifetime aggregate limits imposed by health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 2707. A bill to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2708. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to attract and retain trained health care professionals and direct care workers dedicated to providing quality care to the growing population of older Americans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 2709. A bill to increase the criminal penalties for illegally reentering the United States and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 2710. A bill to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to use an employer's

failure to timely resolve discrepancies with the Social Security Administration after receiving a "no match" notice as evidence that the employer violated section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act; read the first time.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 2711. A bill to improve the enforcement of laws prohibiting the employment of unauthorized aliens and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2712. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to complete at least 700 miles of reinforced fencing along the Southwest border by December 31, 2010, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2713. A bill to prohibit appropriated funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; read the first time.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2714. A bill to close the loophole that allowed the 9/11 hijackers to obtain credit cards from United States banks that financed their terrorists activities, to ensure that illegal immigrants cannot obtain credit cards to evade United States immigration laws, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2715. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the national language of the Government of the United States, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 2716. A bill to authorize the National Guard to provide support for the border control activities of the United States Customs and Border Protection of the Departments of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2717. A bill to provide for enhanced Federal enforcement of, and State and local assistance in the enforcement of, the immigration laws of the United States, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2718. A bill to withhold 10 percent of the Federal funding apportioned for highway construction and maintenance from States that issue driver's licenses to individuals without verifying the legal status of such individuals; read the first time.

By Mrs. DOLE:

S. 2719. A bill to provide that Executive Order 13166 shall have no force or effect, and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2720. A bill to withhold Federal financial assistance from each country that denies or unreasonably delays the acceptance of nationals of such country who have been ordered removed from the United States and to prohibit the issuance of visas to nationals of such country; read the first time.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 2721. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to prescribe the binding oath or affirmation of renunciation and allegiance required to be naturalized as a citizen of the United States, to encourage and support the efforts of prospective citizens of the United States to become citizens, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. DOLE:

S. 2722. A bill to prohibit aliens who are repeat drunk drivers from obtaining legal status or immigration benefits; read the first time.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr.

DODD, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. REED, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. STEVENS):

S.J. Res. 28. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 473. A resolution designating March 26, 2008, as "National Support the Troops and Their Families Day" and encouraging the people of the United States to participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces both at home and abroad, as well as the sacrifices of their families; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 474. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that providing breakfast in schools through the National School Breakfast Program has a positive impact on the lives and classroom performance of low-income children; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 12

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 12, a bill to promote home ownership, manufacturing, and economic growth.

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) were added as cosponsors of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 594

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

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) 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. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 1161

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1161, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the expansion of Medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title