

Fisheries Act Crab Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Offshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XF93) received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5609. 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; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XF90) received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5610. 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; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XF74) received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5611. 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 Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XF82) received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5612. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Exxon and Stripper Well oil overcharge funds as of September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5613. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Crow Tribe" (Docket No. CR-1-FOR) received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5614. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting Amendments" (RIN1010-AD20) received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5615. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Department of Energy FY 2006-FY 2007 Methane Hydrate Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5616. 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 "Reissuance Standards for State and Local Bonds" (Notice 2008-41) received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5617. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States-Jordan Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB75) received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5618. A communication from the Program Manager, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and State Health Care Programs; Fraud and Abuse; Issuance of Advisory Opinions by OIG" (42 CFR Part 1008) received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5619. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the transfer of defense services to the United Kingdom relative to the sale of radar altimeters and accelerometers; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5620. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a biennial report relative to the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5621. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, designation of an acting officer and discontinuation of service in the acting role of Inspector General, received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5622. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5623. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the new mileage reimbursement rate for Federal employees who use privately owned automobiles while on official travel; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5624. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Federal Employee Anti-Discrimination and Retaliation Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5625. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Fiscal Year 2007 Annual Report on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5626. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the acquisitions made by the Commission during fiscal year 2007 from entities that manufacture articles outside of the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5627. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Data Mining Activity within the Department; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5628. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Petitions Filed on Behalf of the H-1B Temporary Workers Subject to or Exempt from the Numerical Limitation" (RIN1615-AB68) received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5629. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Regulations and Rulings Division, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of the Alexander Valley Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB23) received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5630. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Regulations

and Rulings Division, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the LeHigh Valley Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB19) received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5631. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Regulations and Rulings Division, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of the San Francisco Bay Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB21) received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5632. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5633. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Ohio, received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5634. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of U.S. Attorney, District of South Carolina, received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5635. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Deputy Attorney General, received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5636. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's recent appointment of members to the Texas Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5637. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's recent appointment of members to the Ohio Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## 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. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 2796. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a nationwide health insurance purchasing pool for small businesses and the self-employed that would offer a choice of private health plans and make health coverage more affordable, predictable, and accessible; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 2797. A bill to require a pilot program on the use of community-based organizations to ensure that veterans receive the care and benefits they need, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 2797. A bill to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 2798. A bill to establish a health and education grant program related to autism

spectrum disorders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2799. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2800. A bill to increase the incentives for employers to hire qualified ex-felons by enhancing the effectiveness of the work opportunity tax credit, to reduce the backlog of applications pending certification under the work opportunity tax credit program, to enhance the effectiveness of the Federal bonding program, to enhance the effectiveness of the Federal bonding program, and to authorize a pilot program for employment-focused re-entry projects; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2801. A bill to help families avoid foreclosure and stay in their homes by encouraging reasonable and responsible modifications for unworkable and impractical mortgage loans, and to help preserve the rights of investors by reaffirming the basic obligations of their investment agents to achieve the most beneficial outcomes for their clients and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2802. A bill to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 2803. A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing associations of producers of aquatic products" to include persons engaged in the fishery industry as charter boats or recreational fishermen, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2804. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Everglades National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2805. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to assess the irrigation infrastructure of the Rio Grande Pueblos in the State of New Mexico and provide grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, the Rio Grande Pueblos to repair, rehabilitate, or reconstruct existing infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2806. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to reconsider the decision of the Administrator to deny the request of the State of California to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from new motor vehicles, and to complete further proceedings in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court in *Massachusetts v. Environmental Protection Agency*; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COBURN:

S. 2807. A bill to protect the liberty and property of all Americans; read the first time.

By Mr. COBURN:

S. 2808. A bill to require that citizens within a National Heritage Area are informed of

the designation and that government officials must receive permission to enter private property; read the first time.

By Mr. COBURN:

S. 2809. A bill to ensure that there are no adverse effects of a National Heritage Area designation to local communities and homeowners; read the first time.

By Mr. COBURN:

S. 2810. A bill to require an annual report detailing the amount of property the Federal government owns and the cost of government land ownership to taxpayers; read the first time.

By Mr. COBURN:

S. 2811. A bill to require citizens' approval of Federal government land grabs; read the first time.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Res. 496. A resolution honoring the 60th anniversary of the commencement of the carving of the Crazy Horse Memorial; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. McCASKILL):

S. Res. 497. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 5 through 11, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 498. A resolution designating April 8, 2008, as "National Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 380

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 431

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 431, a bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. 519

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 519, a bill to modernize and expand the reporting requirements relating to child pornography, to expand cooperation in combating child pornography, and for other purposes.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to increase Federal support for Community Health Centers and the National Health Service Corps in order to ensure access to health care for millions of Americans living in medically-underserved areas.

S. 960

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to establish the United States Public Service Academy.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 989

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 989, a bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to clarify that the value of certain funeral and burial arrangements are not to be considered available resources under the supplemental security income program.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1223

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1223, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to support efforts by local or regional television or radio broadcasters to provide essential public information programming in the event of a major disaster, and for other purposes.

S. 1605

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1605, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1646

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from