

“Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Kern County Air Pollution Control District” (FRL No. 8506-2) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4747. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Thiabendazole; Threshold of Regulation Determination” (FRL No. 8347-7) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4748. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Acquisition Regulation: Guidance of Use of Award Term Incentives; Administrative Amendments” ((RIN2030-AA89)(FRL No. 8575-8)) received on January 10, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4749. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Amendments to Lead Rules, Quemetco” (FRL No. 8508-8) received on January 10, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4750. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Revisions to Stage II Requirements” (FRL No. 8516-9) received on January 10, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4751. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Revisions to Stage II Requirements to Allegheny County” (FRL No. 8517-2) received on January 10, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4752. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments to Implement Provisions Contained in the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users” ((RIN2060-AN82)(FRL No. 8516-6)) received on January 10, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4753. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Gasoline Distribution Bulk Terminals, Bulk Plants, and Pipeline Facilities; and Gasoline Dispensing Facilities” ((RIN2060-AM74)(FRL No. 8512-3)) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4754. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Emission Standards for Hospital

Ethylene Oxide Sterilizers” ((RIN2060-AM14)(FRL No. 8512-1)) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4755. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standards of Performance for Stationary Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines” ((RIN2060-AM81)(FRL No. 8512-4)) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4756. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerance” (FRL No. 8342-6) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4757. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Zeta-cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerance” (FRL No. 8346-3) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4758. 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 “CFC Notice” (Notice 2008-16) received on January 11, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4759. 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 “Repub. Rev. Proc. 2007-8” (Rev. Proc. 2008-8) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4760. 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 “Repub. Rev. Proc. 2007-4” (Rev. Proc. 2008-4) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4761. 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 “Repub. Rev. Proc. 2007-5” (Rev. Proc. 2008-5) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4762. 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 “Repub. Rev. Proc. 2007-6” (Rev. Proc. 2008-6) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4763. 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 “Revenue Procedure 2008-3, Annual Update of the No-Rule Revenue Procedure” (Notice 2008-3) received on January 7, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4764. 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 “Repub. Rev. Proc. 2007-52” (Rev. Proc. 2008-9) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4765. 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 “Proposed AG VACARVM and Life PBR” (Notice 2007-18) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4766. 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 “IHBG Rental Assistance” (Revenue Ruling 2008-6) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4767. 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 “Cell Captive Arrangements” (Rev. Rul. 2008-8) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4768. 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 “Guidance Under Section 1502; Miscellaneous Operating Rules for Successor Persons; Succession to Items of the Liquidating Corporation” (RIN1545-BD54) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4769. 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 “Cell Captive Arrangements” (Notice 2008-19) received on January 16, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4770. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-273-2007-285); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4771. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2008-1-2008-6); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4772. A communication from the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the efforts being undertaken to complete the mission in Iraq successfully; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1145. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform (Rept. No. 110-259).

## 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. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOND, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2551. A bill to provide for the safe development of a repository at the Yucca Mountain site in the State of Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 2552. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a stimulus to small business by increasing expensing for small businesses in 2008, extending the length of the carryback period for net operating losses during 2007 and 2008, and extending the research and development credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2553. A bill to modify certain fees applicable under the Small Business Act for 2008, to make an emergency appropriation for certain small business programs, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide increased expensing for 2008, to provide a 5-year carryback for certain net operating losses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2554. A bill to restore, reaffirm, and reconcile legal rights and remedies under civil rights statutes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2555. A bill to permit California and other States to effectively control greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2556. A bill to extend the provisions of the Protect America Act of 2007 for an additional 30 days; 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. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 425. A resolution making party appointments for the 110th Congress; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 60

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 60, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children.

S. 719

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 719, a bill to amend section 10501 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude solid waste disposal

from the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) 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. 1128

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1128, a bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Summer of Service State grant program, a Summer of Service national direct grant program, and related national activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to provide for the expansion of Federal efforts concerning the prevention, education, treatment, and research activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including the establishment of a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee.

S. 1906

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1906, a bill to understand and comprehensively address the oral health problems associated with methamphetamine use.

S. 1907

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1907, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to understand and comprehensively address the inmate oral health problems associated with methamphetamine use, and for other purposes.

S. 2063

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2063, a bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota

(Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome prevention and services program, and for other purposes.

S. 2159

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2159, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

S. 2337

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2337, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow long-term care insurance to be offered under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements and to provide additional consumer protections for long-term care insurance.

S. 2424

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2424, a bill to ensure that all Americans have basic health literacy skills to function effectively as patients and health care consumers.

S. 2426

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2426, a bill to provide for congressional oversight of United States agreements with the Government of Iraq.

At the request of Mr. WEBB, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2426, *supra*.

S. 2494

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2494, a bill to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes.

S. 2543

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2543, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 2544

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2544, a bill to provide for a program of temporary extended unemployment compensation.