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EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5858. A communication from the Director, Office of Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to acquisitions made by the agency from foreign entities during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5859. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the distribution of the Department's depot maintenance workloads; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5860. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the training of the U.S. Special Operations Forces with friendly foreign forces during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5861. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael A. Hamel, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5862. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Claude V. Christianson, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5863. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contractor Personnel Authorized to Accompany U.S. Armed Forces" (DFARS Case 2005-D013) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5864. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Investment Security, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers" (31 CFR part 800) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5865. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 707 Airplanes and Model 720 and 720B Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NM-010)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5866. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Model 45 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket

No. 2005-NM-007)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5867. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERJ 170 and ERJ 190 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NM-219)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5868. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems Limited Model BAe 146 and Avro 146-RJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NM-126)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5869. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EMBRAER Model EMB-135BJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NM-099)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5870. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NM-220)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5871. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; EMBRAER Model EMB-120, -120ER, -120FC, -120QC, and -120RT Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NM-098)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5872. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Limited Model PC-12, PC-12/45, and PC-12/47 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-CE-082)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5873. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eclipse Aviation Corporation Model EA500 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-CE-078)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5874. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; GARMIN International GSM 85 Servo Gearbox Units" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-CE-063)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5875. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777-200 and -300 Series Airplanes Equipped with Rolls-Royce RB211-TRENT 800 Series Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket

No. 2005-NM-263)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5876. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Airplanes; and Model A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and F4-600R Series Airplanes, and Model C4-605R Variant F Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2006-NM-050)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5877. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6-50, -80A1/A3, and -80C2A Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 98-ANE-54)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5878. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767-200 and 767-300 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NM-015)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5879. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A319 and A320 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NM-075)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5880. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NM-205)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5881. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company 172 and 182 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-CE-079)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5882. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NM-116)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5883. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-400, -400D, and -400F Series Airplanes; Boeing Model 757 Airplanes; and Boeing Model 767 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 2007-NM-118)) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5884. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final 2008 Specifications for the Atlantic Bluefish Fishery" (RIN0648-XB94) received

on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5885. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Amending the Halibut Individual Fishing Quota Program Processing Restrictions" (RIN0648-AU85) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5886. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Amendment to Adjust the Seasonal Timing for Trip Limits for Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel" (RIN0648-AV17) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5887. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Specifications for the 2007/2008 Pacific Mackerel Fishing Season" (RIN0648-XB01) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5888. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Prohibited Species Bycatch Management" (RIN0648-AV96) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5889. 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 Ocean Perch for Vessels in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Trawl Limited Access Fishery in the Eastern Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XG59) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5890. 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 Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XG17) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5891. 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; Sablefish Managed Under the Individual Fishing Quota Program" (RIN0648-XF29) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5892. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Closure of the Commercial Fishery for Gulf Group King Mackerel in the Florida East Coast Subzone for the 2007-2008 Fishing Year" (RIN0648-XF68) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5893. 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 Catcher Processors Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XF55) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5894. 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; Shallow-Water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XG28) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5895. 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; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XG19) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5896. 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; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XF95) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5897. 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; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XG09) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5898. 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; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Offshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XG12) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5899. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations and Leasing in the Outer Continental Shelf—Corrections and Amendments" (RIN1010-AD49) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5900. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations and Leasing in the Outer Continental Shelf—Incorporate American Petroleum Institute Hurricane Bulletins" (RIN1010-AD48) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5901. A communication from the Director, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Forms, Statements, and Reporting Requirements for Natural Gas Pipelines" (RIN1902-AD26) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2894. An original bill to establish requirements for private lenders to protect student borrowers receiving private educational loans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-327).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1810. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions.

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. DODD:

S. 2894. An original bill to establish requirements for private lenders to protect student borrowers receiving private educational loans, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2895. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to maintain eligibility, for Federal PLUS loans, of borrowers who are 90 or more days delinquent on mortgage loan payments, or for whom foreclosure proceedings have been initiated, with respect to their primary residence; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2896. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a temporary reduction in the tax imposed on diesel fuel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 2897. A bill for the relief of Ross E. Lay of Haiku, Hawaii; 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. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 523. A resolution expressing the strong support of the Senate for the declaration of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization at the Bucharest Summit that Ukraine and Georgia will become members of the alliance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Con. Res. 77. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.