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EC-5970. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Millennium Challenge Corporation's activities during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5971. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to Japan relative to the JCSAT-12 Commercial Communications Satellite; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5972. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting proposed legislation intended to improve enforcement of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5973. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report on the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002: Fiscal 2007 (March 2008)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5974. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Compliance with the Government Managers Accountability Amendment Act of 1995 Has Been Incomplete and Inconsistent"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5975. A communication from the Director, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, transmitting a legislative proposal intended to modernize the financial disclosure process for Federal personnel; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5976. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Performance Measurement System Needs Long-Term Stability and Commitment to Maximize Effectiveness"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5977. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Letter Report: Comparative Analysis of Actual Cash Collections to the Revised Revenue Estimate Through the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5978. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Report to Congress on the Social and Economic Conditions of Native Americans: Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5979. A communication from the White House Liaison, National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Director, received on April 23, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5980. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, a draft bill intended to enhance the Department's ability to administer the H-2A foreign labor certification program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5981. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting draft legislation intended to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the U.S. Parole Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5982. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United

States, transmitting, pursuant to law, amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure that were adopted by the Court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 2433. A bill to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day (Rept. No. 110-331).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

H. Con. Res. 292. A concurrent resolution honoring Margaret Truman Daniel and her lifetime of accomplishments.

S. Res. 511. A resolution recognizing that John Sidney McCain, III, is a natural born citizen.

S. Res. 515. A resolution commemorating the life and work of Dith Pran.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Col. Bruce A. Litchfield, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brigadier General C. D. Alston and ending with Brigadier General Mark S. Solo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 13, 2008.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Scott G. West, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Walter L. Sharp, to be General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Gen. David D. McKiernan, to be General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, Jr., to be Major General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Brigadier General Randolph D. Alles and ending with Brigadier General Michael R. Regner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2008. (minus 1 nominee: Brigadier General Melvin G. Spiese)

Marine Corps nomination of Brig. Gen. Darrell L. Moore, to be Major General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Keith J. Stalder, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Col. James M. Lariviere and ending with Col. Kenneth J. Lee, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 14, 2008.

Marine Corps nomination of Brig. Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. John M. Paxton, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Dennis J. Hejlik, to be Lieutenant General. Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Richard F. Natonski, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Duane D. Thiessen, to be Lieutenant General

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. John M. Bird, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Victor C. See, Jr., to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nominations beginning with Captain Douglass T. Biesel and ending with Captain Douglas J. Venlet, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 31, 2008. (minus 1 nominee: Captain Terry B. Kraft).

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Carol I. Turner, to be Rear Admiral.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with David M. Abel and ending with Michael M. Zwalve, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 26, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Susan S. Baker and ending with Jon C. Welch, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 11, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with David A. Bargatze and ending with Aaron E. Woodward, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 11, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Mark E. Allen and ending with Charles E. Wiedie, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 11, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kerry M. Abbott and ending with William F. Ziegler III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 11, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Richard T. Broyer and ending with Brian K. Wyrick, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 11, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with John T. Aalborg, Jr. and ending with Michael A. Zrostlik, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 11, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with David L. Babcock and ending with Wayne A. Zimmet, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 31, 2008.

Air Force nomination of Howard P. Blount III, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Errill C. Avecilla, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Mark Y. Liu, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Bryce G. Whisler and ending with Timothy M. French, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 7, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Phiet T. Bui and ending with Michael J. Morris, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 7, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Mario Aguirre III and ending with Scott B. Zima, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 11, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Barry L. Adams and ending with Timothy M. Zegers, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 11, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Kevin S. Anderson and ending with Rufus Woods III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 11, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Robert B. Allman III and ending with Richard F. Winchester, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 11, 2008.

Army nomination of Barry L. Shoop, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Brian J. Chapuran, to be Major.

Army nomination of Gregory T. Reppas, to be Major.

Army nomination of Vanessa M. Meyer, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Thomas E. Durham and ending with Daniel P. Massey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 31, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Charles L. Garbarino and ending with Juan Garrastegui, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 31, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Milton M. Ong and ending with Matthew S. Mower, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 31, 2008.

Army nomination of Craig A. Myatt, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of John C. Kolb, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Kenneth D. Smith, to be Major.

Army nomination of John M. Hoppmann, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Amy M. Bajus and ending with Robert P. Vasquez, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 15, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with David G. Mcculloh and ending with Paul W. Voss, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 15, 2008.

Navy nomination of Thomas M. Cashman, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Kelly R. Middleton, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Theresa A. Fraser, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Lee R. Ras and ending with Elizabeth M. Solze, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 11, 2008. (minus 6 nominees beginning with John M. Marmolejo)

Navy nomination of Aaron J. Beattie IV, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Kristian E. Lewis and ending with Luther P. Martin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 31, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Samuel G. Espiritu and ending with Paul G. Scanlan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 15, 2008. Navy nominations beginning with Terry L. Buckman and ending with Thomas M. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 15, 2008.

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Coast Guard nomination of Trevor M. Hare, to be Lieutenant.

Coast Guard nomination of Susan M. Maitre, to be Lieutenant Commander.

By Mr. DORGAN for the Committee on Indian Affairs.

*Robert G. McSwain, of Maryland, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Michael G. McGinn, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Ralph E. Martinez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 2010.

Mark S. Davis, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

David Gregory Kays, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr., of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

*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.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. HARKIN:

S. 2903. A bill to amend Public Law 110–196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 25, 2008; considered and passed.

By Mrs. McCASKILL:

S. 2904. A bill to improve Federal agency awards and oversight of contracts and assistance and to strengthen accountability of the Government-wide suspension and debarment system; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. McCASKILL:

S. 2905. A bill to require disclosure by Federal contractors of certain violations relating to the award or performance of Federal contracts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2906. A bill to require a report on invasive agricultural pests and diseases and sanitary and phytosanitary barriers to trade before initiating negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUYE (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 2907. A bill to establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2908. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to prohibit the display of Social Security account numbers on Medicare cards; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2909. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the study of the Western States Trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 2910. A bill to require brokers to disclose and pay independent truckers for any fuel surcharges received from shippers that relate to fuel costs paid for by the truckers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2911. A bill to improve vaccination rates among children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself,

Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2912. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2913. A bill to provide a limitation on judicial remedies in copyright infringement cases involving orphan works; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2914. A bill to ensure the safety of seafood and seafood products being imported into the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2915. A bill to require the Commissioner of Social Security to issue uniform standards for the method for truncation of social security account numbers in order to protect such numbers from being used in the perpetration of fraud or identity theft and to provide for a prohibition on the display to the general public on the Internet of social security account numbers by State and local governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2916. A bill to ensure greater transparency in the Federal contracting process, and to help prevent contractors that violate criminal laws from obtaining Federal contracts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2917. A bill to strengthen sanctions against the Government of Syria, to enhance multilateral commitment to address the Government of Syria's threatening policies, to establish a program to support a transition to a democratically-elected government in Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. LAU-TENBERG):