

EC-5027. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of General Counsel, received on January 31, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5028. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Measuring Educational Gain in the National Reporting System for Adult Education" (RIN1830-ZA06) received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5029. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-261, "Frank Harris, Jr. Justice Amendment Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5030. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-260, "Effi Slaughter Barry HIV/AIDS Initiative Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5031. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-259, "Health Services Planning Program Amendment Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5032. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-258, "Appointment of the Chief Medical Examiner Amendment Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5033. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-257, "Enhanced Professional Security Amendment Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5034. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-256, "Bicycle Registration Reform Amendment Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5035. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-265, "Fiscal Year 2008 Supplemental Appropriations Temporary Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5036. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-264, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 696, S.O. 07-8302, Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5037. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-263, "Tregaron Conservancy Tax Exemption and Relief Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5038. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-262, "Arthur Capper/Carrollburg Public Improvements Revenue Bonds Approval Amendment Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5039. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-271, "Public Education Personnel Reform Amendment Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5040. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-275, "Constitution Square Economic Development Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5041. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-274, "Wax Museum Project Tax Abatement Allocation Modification Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5042. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-273, "District Funds Reserved Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5043. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-272, "Small Business Commercial Property Tax Relief Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5044. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-276, "Presidential Primary Ballot Access Temporary Amendment Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5045. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-277, "Child Support Compliance Amendment Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5046. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-279, "Downtown Retail TIF Amendment Act of 2008" received on February 7, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### 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. SALAZAR:

S. 2613. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer certain amounts to the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 2614. A bill to facilitate the development, demonstration, and implementation of technology for the use in removing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the atmosphere; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2615. A bill to extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 15 days; read the first time.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2616. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WEBB, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2617. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2008, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BROWN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2618. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Becker, congenital, distal, Duchenne, Emery-Dreifuss, Facioscapulohumeral, limb-girdle, myotonic, and oculopharyngeal muscular dystrophies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COBURN:

S. 2619. A bill to protect innocent Americans from violent crime in national parks; read the first time.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2620. A bill to provide for a temporary increase of the Federal medical assistance percentage under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes; 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 Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Con. Res. 67. A concurrent resolution establishing the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Con. Res. 68. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS ON FEBRUARY 7, 2008

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 929

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 929, a bill to streamline the regulation of nonadmitted insurance and reinsurance, and for other purposes.

S. 960

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Washington

(Ms. CANTWELL) 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 New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) 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. 1738

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1738, a bill to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute predators.

S. 1758

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S.

1758, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to help individuals with functional impairments and their families pay for services and supports that they need to maximize their functionality and independence and have choices about community participation, education, and employment, and for other purposes.

S. 1843

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1843, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 1981

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1981, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2314

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2314, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make geothermal heat pump systems eligible for the energy credit and the residential energy efficient property credit, and for other purposes.

S. 2316

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2316, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 2433

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 2578

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2578, a bill to temporarily delay application of proposed changes to Med-

icaid payment rules for case management and targeted case management services.

S. 2585

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2585, a bill to provide for the enhancement of the suicide prevention programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 430

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 430, a resolution designating January 2008 as "National Mentoring Month."

S. RES. 432

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 432, a resolution urging the international community to provide the United Nations-African Union Mission in Sudan with essential tactical and utility helicopters.

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 432, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. CORKER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 432, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 432, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 3913

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3913 proposed to S. 2248, an original bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3967

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3967 intended to be proposed to S. 2483, a bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3978

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3978 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5140, a bill to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits.

AMENDMENT NO. 4007

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4007 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5140, a bill to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits.

## AMENDMENT NO. 4008

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4008 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5140, a bill to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 186

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 186, a bill to provide appropriate protection to attorney-client privileged communications and attorney work product.

S. 694

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) 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. 1484

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1484, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore the Medicare treatment of ownership of oxygen equipment to that in effect before enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2133

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2133, a bill to authorize bankruptcy courts to take certain actions with re-

spect to mortgage loans in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

S. 2372

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2372, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the tariffs on certain footwear.

S. 2401

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2401, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refund of motor fuel excise taxes for the actual off-highway use of certain mobile machinery vehicles.

S. 2421

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2421, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits to individuals who have been wrongfully incarcerated.

S. 2453

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2453, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to clarify requirements relating to non-discrimination on the basis of national origin.

S. 2549

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2549, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish an Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice to provide guidance to Federal agencies on the development of criteria for identifying disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations and low-income populations, and for other purposes.

S. 2586

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 2586, a bill to provide States with fiscal relief through a temporary increase in the Federal medical assistance percentage and direct payments to States.

S. 2596

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) were added as cosponsors of S. 2596, a bill to rescind funds appropriated by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, for the City of Berkeley, California, and any entities located in such city, and to provide that such funds shall be transferred to the Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps account of the Department of Defense for the purposes of recruiting.

S. 2602

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2602, a bill to amend the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008, to terminate the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to deduct amounts from certain States.

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2602, *supra*.

S. RES. 439

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 439, a resolution expressing the strong support of the Senate for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to enter into a Membership Action Plan with Georgia and Ukraine.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 2613. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer certain amounts to the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation—a companion bill will be introduced in the House by my colleague Representative SALAZAR—to ensure that the communities in northwestern Colorado most affected by the enormous recent increase in oil and gas drilling activities, especially those in Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties, immediately receive their fair share of the surplus funds from the Anvil Points cleanup fund. Our legislation will direct Colorado's share of those surplus funds to land, water and wildlife protection and conservation efforts, and for repair, maintenance and construction of roads and other infrastructure affected by oil and gas development in those counties.

Under the Transfer Act, Public Law 105-85, Colorado has not and will not receive any of the leasing revenues from oil and gas production on former Naval Oil Shale Reserve land until cleanup of the Anvil Points Superfund Site is complete. Normally these substantial revenues would be shared 50-50 between the State and Federal government under the Mineral Leasing Act. Today the trust fund set aside for the cleanup of Anvil Points is in surplus, and that surplus currently amounts to approximately \$66.5 million. The Salazar-Salazar legislation amends the Transfer Act to immediately release Colorado's share of the surplus funds to Western Slope communities to mitigate development impacts in and around the former Naval Oil Shale Reserve in Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties.

The Anvil Points trust fund currently accrues approximately \$1.5 million per month.