

EC-7939. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2008 Report to Congress on Sustainable Ranges"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7940. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a public-private competition conducted on September 8, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7941. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the initiation of a single function standard competition of the Maintenance Function located at Kaena Point; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7942. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((Docket No. FEMA-8037)(44 CFR Part 64)) received on September 12, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7943. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECMs): Determination of Maximum Claim Amount; and Eligibility for Discounted Mortgage Insurance Premium for Certain Refinanced HECM Loans" (RIN2502-AI49) received on September 12, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7944. A communication from the Chief Council, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((Docket No. FEMA-B-1001)(44 CFR Part 65)) received on September 18, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7945. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Golden Parachute Payments and Indemnification Payments" (RIN2590-AA08) received on September 15, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7946. A communication from the Deputy Director, Terrorism Risk Insurance Program, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act Implementation" (RIN1505-AB93) received on September 16, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7947. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((73 FR 52621)(44 CFR Part 67)) received on September 18, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7948. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment of Fees" (RIN1556-AD06)(Docket No. OCC-2008-0013) received on September 18, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7949. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the technical mile-

stones for 2020 goals and project status for the Clean Coal Power Initiative; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7950. A communication from the Acting Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, received on September 12, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7951. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bonus of Royalty Credits for Relinquishing Certain Leases Offshore Florida" (RIN1010-AD44) received on September 12, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7952. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulation: Areas of the National Park System" (RIN1024-AD53) received on September 16, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7953. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alabama Regulatory Program" (SATS No. AL-074-FOR)(30 CFR Part 901) received September 18, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7954. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Industry Codes and Standards; Amended Requirements" (RIN3150-AH76) received on September 12, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7955. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Chief Acquisition Officer, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the fiscal year 2007 Buy American Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7956. 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 Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, received on September 18, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7957. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of General Counsel, received on September 18, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7958. 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 September 18, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7959. A communication from the Acting Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities performed by the agency that are not inherently governmental functions; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7960. A communication from Acting Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a re-

port entitled "Fiscal Year 2007 Annual Report on the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination And Retaliation Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7961. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the New Orleans, Louisiana, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area" (RIN3206-AL68) received on September 18, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7962. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of Lobbying Disclosure Act Enforcement"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7963. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer in the position of United States Attorney, Northern District of New York, received on September 18, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7964. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer in the position of Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, received on September 18, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7965. A communication from the Director, Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities; Evaluation of Scars" (RIN2900-AM55) received on September 18, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-7966. A communication from the Director, Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presumption of Service Connection for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis" (RIN2900-AN05) received on September 18, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

H.R. 2963. A bill to transfer certain land in Riverside County, California, and San Diego County, California, from the Bureau of Land Management to the United States to be held in trust for the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-503).

H.R. 5680. To amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-504).

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 160. A bill to provide for compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River (Rept. No. 110-505).

S. 2489. A bill to enhance and provide to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Angostura Irrigation Project certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program (Rept. No. 110-506).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 2041, a bill to amend the False Claims Act (Rept. No. 110-507).

By Mr. INOUYE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 3160. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-508).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

H.R. 1943. A bill to provide for an effective HIV AIDS program in Federal prisons.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2631. To strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 3971. To encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

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

S. Res. 659. A resolution designating September 27, 2008, as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Day.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 3477. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize grants for Presidential Centers of Historical Excellence.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 3501. A bill to ensure that Congress is notified when the Department of Justice determines that the Executive Branch is not bound by a statute.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Clark Waddoups, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

Michael M. Anello, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Mary Stenson Scriven, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Christine M. Arguello, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Philip A. Brimmer, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Gregory G. Garre, of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

George W. Venables, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California for the term of four years.

A. Brian Albritton, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years.

Anthony John Trenga, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

C. Darnell Jones II, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Mitchell S. Goldberg, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Joel H. Slomsky, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Eric F. Melgren, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

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 Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3573. A bill to establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3574. A bill to establish the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones Fire Suppression Demonstration Incentive Program within the Department of Education to promote installation of fire sprinkler systems, or other fire suppression or prevention technologies, in qualified student housing and dormitories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3575. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to nutrition labeling of food offered for sale in food service establishments; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3576. A bill to prohibit the issuance of any lease or other authorization by the Federal Government that authorizes exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in any marine national monument or national marine sanctuary or in the fishing grounds known as Georges Bank in the waters of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 3577. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy and agricultural commodities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 3578. A bill to establish a commission to assess the nuclear activities of the Islamic Republic of Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 3579. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States, to authorize grants for the assistance of organizations to find missing adults, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 3580. A bill to assure the safety of expeditionary facilities, infrastructure, and equipment supporting United States military operations overseas; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 3581. A bill to establish a Federal Mortgage Origination Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 3582. A bill to require continued application of budget neutrality on a national basis in calculation of the Medicare urban hospital wage floor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 3583. A bill to limit or deny civil service protection for a Federal employee if the appointment of that employee is a prohibited personnel practice that was made on the basis of political affiliation as prohibited under any law, rule, or regulation; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 3584. A bill to comprehensively prevent, treat, and decrease overweight and obesity in our Nation's populations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3585. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish the responsibility of the Department of Defense to plan for and respond to catastrophic incidents in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 3586. A bill to provide loans to hospitals and nonprofit health care institutions to implement green building technologies, waste management techniques, and other environmentally sustainable practices to improve employee performance, reduce healthcare costs, and improve patient outcomes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 3587. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide grants to hospitals and nonprofit health care institutions for use in improving building and maintenance operations to engage in environmentally sustainable practices; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 3588. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants to hospitals and other nonprofit inpatient healthcare institutions, Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and other social service programs for the acquisition of local nutritious agricultural products; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BOND):

S. 3589. A bill to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the National World War I Memorial; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID:

S. 3590. A bill to provide grants for use by rural local educational agencies in purchasing new school buses; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. 3591. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to improve motor fuel supply and distribution; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3592. A bill to designate 4 counties in the State of New York as high-intensity drug trafficking areas, and to authorize funding for drug control activities in those areas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 3593. A bill to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.