

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 108 Reduction of Tax Attributes for S Corporations" (RIN1545-BH54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3623. 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 2009-0198 — 2009-0200); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3624. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-229, "Anacostia Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3625. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Trustees, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report relative to fiscal years 2007 and 2008 in accordance with Section 8G(h) of the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3626. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3627. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009 received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 10, 2009; ordered to lie on the table.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

Report to accompany S. 1670, a bill to reform and modernize the limitations on exclusive rights relating to secondary transmissions of certain signals (Rept. No. 111-98).

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. BROWN:

S. 2759. A bill to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of disability rated and certified as total by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as disability for purposes of such titles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 2760. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. VITTER, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2761. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the bonus depreciation deduction applicable to the Gulf Opportunity Zone for 2 additional years; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 2762. A bill to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2763. A bill to terminate the preemption of State and local laws that prohibit or regulate gaming or the operation of bucket shops, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2764. A bill to reauthorize the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2765. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to authorize loan guarantees for health information technology; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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

S. 2766. A bill to provide for the coverage of medically necessary food under Federal health programs and private health insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2767. A bill to provide additional resources and funding for construction and infrastructure improvements at United States land ports of entry, to open additional inspection lanes, to hire more inspectors, and to provide recruitment and retention incentives for United States Customs and Border Protection officers who serve on the Southern Border; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 2768. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2010 through 2014, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. JOHANNES, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2769. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the use of entitlement under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance for the pursuit of apprenticeships and on-job training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2770. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish a Veterans Business Center program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COBURN, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S.J. Res. 21. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve to 3 in the House of Representatives and 2 in the Senate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. JOHANNES):

S. Res. 349. A resolution supporting and encouraging greater support for Veterans Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 350. A resolution recognizing November 14, 2009, as the 49th anniversary of the first day of integrated schools in New Orleans, Louisiana; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. Res. 351. A resolution designating the week beginning on November 9, 2009, as National School Psychology Week; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. LEMIEUX):

S. Res. 352. A resolution encouraging banks and mortgage servicers to work with families affected by contaminated drywall to allow temporary forbearance without penalty on payments on their home mortgages; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BURRIS, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 353. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "American Education Week"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 252

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 252, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health care professionals, to improve the provision of health care veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, 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. 658

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 658, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 753

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 753, a bill to prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution in commerce of children's food and beverage containers composed of bisphenol A, and for other purposes.

S. 801

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 801, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.

S. 825

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 825, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore, increase, and make permanent the exclusion from gross income for amounts received under qualified group legal services plans.

S. 1029

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1029, a bill to create a new incentive fund that will encourage States to adopt the 21st Century Skills Framework.

S. 1076

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1076, a bill to improve the accuracy of fur product labeling, and for other purposes.

S. 1153

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1153, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible designated beneficiaries of employees.

S. 1160

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1160, a bill to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.

S. 1366

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1366, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax payment to provide assistance to homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at

Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.

S. 1547

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1547, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. TESTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1547, *supra*.

S. 1612

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1612, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the operation of employee stock ownership plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1660

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1660, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the emissions of formaldehyde from composite wood products, and for other purposes.

S. 1668

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1668, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1672

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1672, a bill to reauthorize the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000.

S. 1752

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1752, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide wartime disability compensation for certain veterans with Parkinson's disease.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1792, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the requirements for windows, doors, and skylights to be eligible for the credit for nonbusiness energy property.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 to establish an earlier effective date for various consumer protections, and for other purposes.

S. 1839

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1839, a bill to provide for duty free treatment for certain United States Government property returned to the United States.

S. 1842

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1842, a bill to modify the provisions of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to returned property.

S. 1933

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1933, a bill to establish an integrated Federal program that protects, restores, and conserves natural resources by responding to the threats and effects of climate change, and for other purposes.

S. 1939

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1939, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

S. 2097

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2097, a bill to authorize the rededication of the District of Columbia War Memorial as a National and District of Columbia World War I Memorial to honor the sacrifices made by American veterans of World War I.

S. 2735

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2735, a bill to prohibit additional requirements for the control of *Vibrio vulnificus* applicable to the post-harvest processing of oysters.

S. 2748

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2748, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend for one year the employer wage credit for employees who are active duty members of the uniformed services.

S. 2752

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Alabama

(Mr. SESSIONS) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2752, a bill to ensure the sale and consumption of raw oysters and to direct the Food and Drug Administration to conduct an education campaign regarding the risks associated with consuming raw oysters, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 14

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 14, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

S. RES. 334

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 334, a resolution designating Thursday, November 19, 2009, as "Feed America Day".

S. RES. 340

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 340, a resolution expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our Nation in times of war and conflict.

AMENDMENT NO. 2745

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2745 proposed to H.R. 3082, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2758

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2758 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3082, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2760

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2760 proposed to H.R. 3082, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. UDALL, of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 2760. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the annual amount authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. President, tomorrow we will observe Veterans Day, a day to honor the millions of men and women who put on the uniform to defend our Nation. In communities across the Nation, we will gather to thank all veterans for their service, for their having risked their lives so that the rest of us could enjoy freedom.

I rise to offer legislation that is meant to honor veterans who are too often forgotten. Tonight, on the eve of the day meant to highlight their heroism, more than 130,000 veterans will be homeless, left without a home and without a warm meal. For many, they are on the streets with their families—husbands and wives and children left without any safety net. Perhaps they recently lost their job. Perhaps they recently lost their home to foreclosure. Why they are on the streets matters less than why we have left them on their own.

When coming into office, President Obama set a goal of ending homelessness among veterans within 5 years. This is a goal that I strongly support. VA Secretary Shinseki, himself a decorated veteran, has aggressively taken on this challenge, focusing efforts and funding toward eradicating homelessness.

Last Friday, I rose on this floor to increase funding for the homelessness and grant per diem program to the fully authorized amount of \$150 million. This vital program has produced real results, offering transitional housing to veterans and their families and allowing organizations to construct and renovate facilities that can provide a multitude of services. I am hopeful that we will see this amendment pass and this level of funding included in the final bill.

However, if we are going to reach the President's goal of ending veterans' homelessness in five years, more will be needed. For that reason, I am joined today by Senator Bond in introducing S. 2760, legislation to increase the authorization of the grant and per diem program to \$200 million. This increased funding can provide hundreds, perhaps thousands, of new beds and facilities for veterans in all 50 States.

Congressman HARRY TEAGUE introduced similar legislation earlier this year in the House where it has been marked up in subcommittee and is awaiting further action. I am hopeful that we will see Congress stand up to this moral obligation and provide the full resources needed for the thousands

of veterans who have no home, who have no hope.

Last week, as I offered my amendment, I read a letter from a 15-year-old Boy Scout from Albuquerque. His father and grandfather are veterans and he is planning to follow in their footsteps and join the military himself when he is old enough. This young man wrote to say how angry he is that we are not doing enough to help our homeless veterans. "These men and women are doing what they were called to do by our government," he wrote, "but then they come back and are treated so poorly by everyone. We, as a Nation, need to do more to help our veterans."

To the smart young man who wrote me that letter and to all of America's veterans, this bill builds on efforts to meet our country's moral obligations to the men and women who so bravely served our country. I thank Senator BOND for his support and I urge fast action to move this legislation forward.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 2762. A bill to designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I am introducing the San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act of 2009. This bill is the Senate companion to the bill introduced by Representative JOHN SALAZAR in the House of Representatives.

I want to thank Representative SALAZAR for all of his great work in bringing this bill forward. I am proud to sponsor this legislation in the Senate along with my Colorado colleague, Senator BENNET.

The San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act would designate about 33,383 acres in southwestern Colorado as wilderness, and about 21,697 acres as a special management area. It would also withdraw about 6,596 acres from mineral entry lands within the Naturita Canyon.

The bill is the result of the extensive work by many people to develop a collaborative approach to wilderness proposals and land protection designations. Representative SALAZAR and his staff worked with the affected Colorado county commissioners and interested stakeholders in developing this legislation. It is crafted to take into account the various ongoing uses of these lands, such as for water and recreation, while also providing strong managerial protection for these sensitive lands.

These lands are indeed worthy of this designation.

This region of Colorado is blessed with stunning beauty. Much of the land proposed for wilderness and other protections in this legislation are additions to existing wilderness. Those areas include the Mt. Sneffels Wilderness Area and the Lizard Head Wilderness—two areas that contain fourteen thousand foot peaks. They are defined