

Gentry, Jennafer Newman, and Ellen Gentry, his parents George and Brenda Sue Gentry, brother Sanford Gentry, and sister Carolyn Hodges.

Lieutenant Colonel Gentry was a brave man who put his soldiers before himself, both on and off the field of battle. Today and always, he will be remembered by family and friends, fellow soldiers and all Hoosiers as a true American hero. We cherish the legacy of his service and his life.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of LTC James Gentry in the RECORD of the U.S. Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy, and peace.

AMINATOU HAIDAR

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, last week I spoke about the situation of Aminatou Haidar, a Sahrawi human rights activist who has been on a hunger strike since shortly after November 13 when her passport was confiscated by Moroccan authorities and she was deported to the Canary Islands. She is now in the third week of her hunger strike, and her health has seriously declined. An agreement between the Spanish and Moroccan governments was reportedly reached on Friday, but it fell through at the last minute and Ms. Haidar remains at the Lanzarote Airport.

Given this dire situation and the damage it is causing to efforts to resume good-faith negotiations on the future status of the Western Sahara, I want to repeat my appeal to the Moroccan authorities to reinstate Ms. Haidar's passport and allow her to return home to her family.

Morocco and the United States are friends and allies. The denial of citizenship and forcible exile of Ms. Haidar is inconsistent with international human rights norms to which Morocco is a signatory and will accomplish nothing positive. It also raises the question, as do the recent arrests of other Sahrawi activists, of whether the United Nations' mandate in Western Sahara should be expanded to include human rights monitoring. I believe the State Department should seriously review this issue when the UN mission's term comes up for extension in the Security Council in April.

There is still time, but it is running out, to resolve this issue in a manner that serves Morocco's interests and protects Ms. Haidar's rights.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING MITCH DEMIENTIEFF

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I wish to remember the life of a much respected and accomplished resident from my home State of Alaska, Mr. Mitch Demientieff of Nenana. Mitch passed away on December 1, 2009. He was 57.

Mr. Demientieff not only held many important positions in the Native community, he was an ardent preserver of his Athabaskan culture and a true family man. While a student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, he accomplished something truly amazing: at age 19, he was elected president of the Tanana Chiefs Conference, a post he held again years later. One year before his election as president, he broke into the local political scene as mayor of Nenana.

His legacy at the Chiefs included the modernization of the tribal health programs and working to provide education to the youth in the Native community. His personal legacy revolves around his dedication to preserving Native culture. Mitch was committed to making sure the traditions of Alaska Natives and his people were not lost. His interests included the stories he heard and passed on, traditional songs and dances, how clans were run and the practices of traditional medicine.

His achievements later in life included service on the Federal Subsistence Board where he was a strong advocate for subsistence rights for Natives. At the time of his passing, he was serving on the Nenana City Council and was the Nenana tribal chief.

In his personal life Mitch was an avid sports fan and coach who was loved by his family and community. He and his wife Kathleen, married for 24 years, have a blended family of six children and 14 grandchildren. Mitch was both beloved and respected in their community and throughout interior Alaska. Everywhere Mitch went, he made friends.

Mitch Demientieff will be missed by his family, friends, and all of the people he touched in the State of Alaska.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES A. (DOLPH) NORTON

• Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate a distinguished American public administrator, Dr. James A. (Dolph) Norton, who is being awarded the 2009 George Graham Award for Exceptional Service by the National Academy of Public Administration, NAPA. NAPA is a congressionally chartered national institution created to help governments serve the public better and achieve excellence. Dr. Norton's career in public service stands as a shining example and testament to the high ideals of public administration that NAPA represents. His diverse and numerous accomplishments serve as an inspiration to those who may also aspire to careers in public administration.

During the course of his outstanding career, Dr. Norton earned degrees from both Louisiana State University and Harvard University. He served with distinction on the faculties at Florida State University, Case Western Reserve University, and the University of Virginia. He went on to become the chief executive officer of several orga-

nizations during times of notable achievement. He directed a comprehensive research study on urban governance for the city of Cleveland, served as director of the Greater Cleveland Associated Foundation and director of the Cleveland Foundation, the Nation's oldest and then-largest community foundation, and as chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents as the State innovated funding for centers of excellence at universities.

In retirement he answered the call to serve from several institutions of higher education throughout the Nation by providing the unique skills necessary to manage their transition from one generation of leadership to another. He served with distinction as interim chancellor of the University of Maryland System, interim president of Hiram College in Ohio, interim president of Adelphi University in New York, interim president of Bryant College in Rhode Island, interim chancellor of Lamar University System in Texas, and interim president of Central Washington University.

I commend Dr. Norton for his lifelong dedication to public service and outstanding leadership, and congratulate him on his award.●

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-3900. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transactions Between Member Banks and Their Affiliates: Exemption for Certain Purchases of Asset-Backed Commercial Paper by a Member Bank from an Affiliate" (Regulation W; Docket No. R-1331) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3901. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transactions Between Member Banks and Their Affiliates: Exemption for Certain Securities Financing Transactions Between a Member Bank and an Affiliate" (Regulation W; Docket No. R-1330) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3902. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Leverage Capital Guidelines" (Regulations H and Y; Docket No. R-1332) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3903. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to using private contributions to acquire land adjacent to a designated wilderness area in Lassen Volcanic National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3904. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of

the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Utah Regulatory Program" (SATS No. UT-046-FOR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3905. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Designation of Critical Habitat for *Cirsium loncholepis* (La Graciosa Thistle)" (RIN1018-AV03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3906. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the impact of the Andean Trade Preference Act on U.S. trade and employment through 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3907. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Net Operating Loss Carryback Election under Section 13 of the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009" (Rev. Proc. 2009-52) as received during the adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3908. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Port Limits of Columbus, Ohio" (CPB Dec. 09-35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3909. A communication from the Acting Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to seven (7) vacancies in the agency; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3910. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's response to the GAO report entitled "Democracy Assistance: U.S. Agencies Takes Steps to Coordinate International Programs but Lack Information on Some U.S.-funded Activities"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3911. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's response to the GAO report entitled "International Food Assistance: USAID Is Taking Actions to Improve Monitoring and Evaluations of Nonemergency Food Aid, but Weaknesses in Planning Could Impede Efforts"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3912. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; North Carolina; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 9086-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 23, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3913. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois; Indiana; Chicago and Evansville Nonattainment Areas; Determination of Attainment of the Fine Particle Standards" (FRL No. 8985-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 23, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3914. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Revisions to State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 8984-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 23, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3915. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8984-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 23, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3916. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Construction and Development Point Source Category" (FRL No. 9086-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 23, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3917. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Finding Failure to Submit State Implementation Plans Required for the 1997 Particulate Matter Less Than 2.5 Micrometer (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)" (FRL No. 8985-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3918. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Inclusion of Fugitive Emissions; Interim Final Rule; Stay" (FRL No. 9089-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3919. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determinations of Attainment of the One-Hour and Eight-Hour Ozone Standards for Various Ozone Nonattainment Areas in New Jersey and Upstate New York" (FRL No. 9088-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3920. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Section 112(l) Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Equivalency by Permit Provisions; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Plywood and Composite Wood Products" (FRL No. 9089-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3921. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; North Carolina; Redesignation of Great Smoky Mountains National Park 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9089-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3922. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Kentucky; Source-Specific Revision for Avis Rent-A-Car and Budget Rent-A-Car Facilities Located at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport" (FRL No. 9086-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3923. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; Determination of Attainment of the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9086-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3924. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Novaluron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8799-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3925. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8799-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3926. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenpyroximate; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8799-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3927. A communication from the Deputy to the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prepaid Assessments" (RIN 3064-AD51) received in

the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3928. A communication from the Deputy to the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defining Safe Harbor Protection for Treatment by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Conservator or Receiver of Financial Assets Transferred by an Insured Depository Institution in Connection With a Securitization or Participation" (RIN 3064-AD53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3929. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Fiscal Service, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sale and Issue of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds; Customer Confirmation Reporting Requirement Threshold Amount" (31 CFR Part 356) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3930. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the regulatory status of each recommendation on the National Transportation Safety Board's Most Wanted List; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3931. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Trade Commission Report to Congress on Marketing Violent Entertainment to Children: A Sixth Follow-Up Review of Industry Practices in the Motion Picture, Music Recording and Electronic Game Industries"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3932. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Fisheries for 2010" (RIN0648-AX65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3933. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Extension of Emergency Fishery Closure Due to the Presence of the Toxin that Causes Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning" (RIN0648-AT48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3934. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Closure of the 2009 Commercial Harvest of Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack" (RIN0648-XP56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3935. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Sea World December Fireworks, Mis-

sion Bay, San Diego, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USG-2009-0319)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3936. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; SR 90 Bridge, Assawoman Bay, Isle of Wight and Ocean City, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USG-2009-0956)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3937. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fireworks Displays, Potomac River, National Harbor, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USG-2009-0949)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3938. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Blasting and Dredging Operations and Movement of Explosives, Columbia River, Portland to St. Helens, OR" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USG-2009-0946)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3939. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Perdido Regional Host Outer Continental Shelf Platform, Gulf of Mexico" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USG-2008-1051)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3940. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Corporate Party on Hornblower Yacht, Fireworks Display, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USG-2009-0907)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3941. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; East Rockaway Inlet to Atlantic Beach Bridge, Nassau County, Long Island, NY" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USG-2008-0085)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3942. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Areas; Bars Along the Coasts of Oregon and Washington" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USG-2008-1017)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3943. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, NH" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USG-2009-0895)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3944. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone and Regulated Navigation Area, Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, Romeoville, IL" ((RIN1625-AA11)(Docket No. USG-2009-0942)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3945. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC); Seal Island, ME" ((RIN1625-AA00)(Docket No. USG-2009-0595)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3946. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota" (FRL No. 9087-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3947. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Clean Air Interstate Rule; NOx SIP Call Rule; Amendments to NOx Control Rules" (FRL No. 9090-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3948. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for the Department of the Interior's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3949. A communication from the General Counsel of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a nomination in the position of Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3950. A communication from the General Counsel of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the report of a nomination in the position of Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3951. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's Semi-annual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-Up for the period of April 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3952. A communication from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3953. A communication from the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Attorney General's Semiannual Management Report and

the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3954. A communication from the Inspector General of the Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3955. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration's Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3956. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3957. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3958. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to List of CBP Preclearance Offices in Foreign Countries: Addition of Halifax, Canada and Shannon, Ireland" (CPB Dec. 09-45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3959. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of detainees (OSS Control No. 2009-1979); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3960. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division, and the nationwide federal law enforcement effort against public corruption for 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3961. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Capital Access, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Loan Program for Systemically Important SBA Secondary Market Broker-Dealers" (RIN3245-AF95) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3962. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Government Contracting, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflationary Adjustment to Acquisition-Related Dollar Thresholds" (RIN3245-AF74) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3963. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management,

Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Residential Care Program" (RIN2900-AM82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' 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. BURRIS:

S. 2841. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow S corporations the deduction for charitable contribution of inventory; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 2842. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny the deduction for direct to consumer advertising expenses for prescription pharmaceuticals and to provide a deduction for fees paid for the participation of children in certain organizations which promote physical activity; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2843. A bill to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2844. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the terrorist hoax statute; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2845. A bill to amend section 1028 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession, transfer, or use of fraudulent documents; 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 Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. BURRIS):

S. Res. 371. A resolution congratulating Jimmie Johnson and Hendrick Motorsports for winning the 2009 NASCAR Spring Cup Championship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 144

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 292

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 292, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 410

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 410, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure States follow best policies and practices for supporting and retaining foster parents and to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to States to improve the empowerment, leadership, support, training, recruitment, and retention of foster care, kinship care, and adoptive parents.

S. 455

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 455, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of 5 United States Army Five-Star Generals, George Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Henry "Hap" Arnold, and Omar Bradley, alumni of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to coincide with the celebration of the 132nd Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

S. 461

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 461, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to establish a program for tribal colleges and universities within the Department of Health and Human Services and to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to authorize the provision of grants and cooperative agreements to tribal colleges and universities, and for other purposes.

S. 730

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 730, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the tariffs on certain footwear, and for other purposes.

S. 760

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 760, 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".

S. 761

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 761, a bill to establish the World War I Centennial Commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, and for other purposes.