

Country Reports on Human Rights Practices information about freedom of the press in foreign countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4194. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualifying law school students participating in legal clinics or externships from the application of the conflict of interest rules under section 205 of such title.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3714. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include in the Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices information about freedom of the press in foreign countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4194. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualifying law school students participating in legal clinics or externships from the application of the conflict of interest rules under section 205 of such title; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 17, 2009, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1472. An act to establish a section within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice to enforce human rights laws, to make technical and conforming amendments to criminal and immigration laws pertaining to human rights violations, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

Report to accompany S. 1490, a bill to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information (Rept. No. 111—110).

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

H.R. 730. A bill 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. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 1817. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 North West Street in Somerville, Tennessee, as the "John S. Wilder Post Office Building".

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

H.R. 2711. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the transportation of the dependents, remains, and effects of certain Federal employees who die while performing official duties or as a result of the performance of official duties.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 2877. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 76 Brookside Avenue in Chester, New York, as the "1st Lieutenant Louis Allen Post Office".

H.R. 3072. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9810 Halls Ferry Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Coach Jodie Bailey Post Office Building".

H.R. 3319. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Gullwing Street in Portola, California, as the "Army Specialist Jeremiah Paul McCleery Post Office Building".

H.R. 3539. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 Harrison Avenue in Harrison, New Jersey, as the "Patricia D. McGinty-Juhl Post Office Building".

H.R. 3667. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16555 Springs Street in White Springs, Florida, as the "Clyde L. Hillhouse Post Office Building".

H.R. 3767. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 North Main Street in Smithfield, Utah, as the "W. Hazen Hillyard Post Office Building".

H.R. 3788. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Darrow Road in Stow, Ohio, as the "Corporal Joseph A. Tomci Post Office Building".

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

S. 678. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. DODD from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Eric L. Hirschhorn, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

*Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

*Marisa Lago, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

*Steven L. Jacques, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Julie Simone Brill, of Vermont, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2009.

*Edith Ramirez, of California, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2008.

*Nicole Yvette Lamb-Hale, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

*Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2011.

*David L. Strickland, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

*Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Steven E. Day, to be Rear Admiral.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS

on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

*Coast Guard nomination of Andrew G. Liske, to be Captain.

*Coast Guard nomination of Robert A. Moomaw, to be Lieutenant.

*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations beginning with Keith E. Tucker and ending with Jason P.R. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on December 9, 2009.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mark Anthony Martinez, of Nebraska, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nebraska for the term of four years.

Michael W. Cotter, of Montana, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

Barbara L. McQuade, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

James L. Santelle, of Wisconsin, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

Christopher A. Crofts, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2895. A bill to restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 2896. A bill to recruit, support, and prepare principals to improve student academic achievement at high-need schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 2897. A bill to establish incentives to increase the energy efficiency of federally assisted housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 2898. A bill to provide for child safety, care, and education continuity in the event of a presidentially declared disaster; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2899. A bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for the development of solar energy; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 2900. A bill to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle and simple cycle power generation systems; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 2901. A bill to improve the acquisition workforce through the establishment of an acquisition management fellows program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 2902. A bill to improve the Federal Acquisition Institute; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2903. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require criminal background check for child care providers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2904. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require emergency contraception to be available at all military health care treatment facilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 2905. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the reduction in the deductible portion of expenses for business meals and entertainment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S.J. Res. 23. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Election Commission with respect to travel on private aircraft by Federal candidates; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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. BURR):

S. Res. 377. A resolution congratulating the University of North Carolina Tar Heels for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Field Hockey National Championship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 378. A resolution congratulating the University of North Carolina Tar Heels for winning the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Soccer National Championship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. Res. 379. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the protection of intellectual property rights for clean energy and environmental technology; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 604

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana

(Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited by the Comptroller General of the United States and the manner in which such audits are reported, and for other purposes.

S. 619

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antibiotics used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

S. 841

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 841, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and establish a motor vehicle safety standard that provides for a means of alerting blind and other pedestrians of motor vehicle operation.

S. 1067

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1067, a bill to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, and for other purposes.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance to the Government of Haiti to end within 5 years the deforestation in Haiti and restore within 30 years the extent of tropical forest cover in existence in Haiti in 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 1197

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1197, a bill to establish a grant program for automated external defibrillators in elementary and secondary schools.

S. 1255

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1255, a bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding of certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes.

S. 1345

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DUR-

BIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1345, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1492

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 1589

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1589, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the incentives for the production of biodiesel.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1739, a bill to promote freedom of the press around the world.

S. 1938

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1938, a bill to establish a program to reduce injuries and deaths caused by cellphone use and texting while driving.

S. 2831

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2831, a bill to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation and to keep Americans working, and for other purposes.

S. 2833

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2833, a bill to provide adjusted Federal medical assistance percentage rates during a transitional assistance period.

S. 2853

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2853, a bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the long-term fiscal stability and economic security of the Federal Government of the United States, and to expand future prosperity growth for all Americans.

S. 2854

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2854, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for new qualified hybrid motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 2874

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2874, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service