

EC-228. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) From Cement Kilns" (FRL-8758-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-229. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia; Nonattainment New Source Review Rules" (FRL-8757-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-230. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Oregon; Salem Carbon Monoxide Nonattainment Area; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes" (FRL-8747-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-231. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule Deadline for Authorized Programs" (FRL-8757-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-232. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Clean Water Act Regulatory Definition of 'Discharge of Dredged Material'; Final Rule" (FRL-8757-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-233. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Multiple Chemicals; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL-8392-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-234. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; The Metropolitan Washington Nonattainment Areas; Determination of Attainment of the Fine Particle Standard" (FRL-8759-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-235. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL-8759-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-236. 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 "Research Credit Claims Audit Techniques Guide: Credit for Increasing Research Activities IRC Section 41—Exhibit E" (LMSB-4-1208-057) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-237. 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 "Applicable Federal Rates—January 2009" (Rev. Rul. 2009-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-238. 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 "Permitted disparity in employer-provided contributions or benefits" (Rev. Rul. 2009-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-239. 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 "Petroleum Industry Overview Guide" (LMSB-4-1208-056) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-240. A communication from the Program Manager of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments" (RIN0938-AO45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-241. A communication from the Program Manager of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Surety Bond Requirement for Suppliers of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)" (RIN0938-AO84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-242. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Priority of Service for Covered Persons" (RIN1293-AA15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-243. A communication from the Director of Interpretations and Regulatory Analysis, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protecting the Privacy of Workers: Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction" (RIN1215-AB67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-244. A communication from the Program Manager, Office of Global Health Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Office of Global Health Affairs; Regulation on the Organizational Integrity of Entities that are Implementing Programs and Activities Under the Leadership Act" (RIN0991-AB46) received in

the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-245. A communication from the Chairman, Merit System Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Federal Government: A Model Employer or a Work In Progress?"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-246. A communication from the National Executive Secretary, Navy Club of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the national financial statement of the organization and national staff and convention minutes for the year ending July 31, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-247. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program" (RIN1121-AA75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-248. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Requirements Affecting H-2B Nonimmigrants and Their Employers" (RIN1615-AB67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-249. A communication from the Administrator of the Office of Policy Development and Research, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labor Certification Process and Enforcement for Temporary Employment in Occupations Other Than Agriculture or Registered Nursing in the United States (H-2B Workers), and Other Technical Changes" (RIN1205-AB54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-250. A communication from the Administrator of the Office of Policy Development and Research, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Agricultural Employment of H-2A Aliens in the United States; Modernizing the Labor Certification Process and Enforcement" (RIN1205-AB55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. BINGAMAN:

S. 22. A bill to designate certain land components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 23. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the election to deduct State and local sales taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 24. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 25. A bill to ensure access to basic broadcast television after the Digital Television Transition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 26. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reset the income threshold used to calculate the refundable portion of the child tax credit and to repeal the sunset for certain prior modifications made to the credit; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 27. A bill to establish the Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 28. A bill to ensure that the courts of the United States may provide an impartial forum for claims brought by United States citizens and others against any railroad organized as a separate legal entity, arising from the deportation of United States citizens and others to Nazi concentration camps on trains owned or operated by such railroad, and by the heirs and survivors of such persons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 29. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the credit for the health insurance costs of eligible individuals, to expand such credit to individuals covered under COBRA, and to extend the period of COBRA continuation coverage for certain individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 30. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 163. A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 164. A bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 165. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act, to prevent credit card issuers from taking unfair advantage of college students and their parents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BURR, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 166. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to clarify the filing period applicable to charges of discrimination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. Res. 9. A resolution commemorating 90 years of U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations, during which Poland has proven to be an exceptionally strong partner to the United States in advancing freedom around the world; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1, a bill to create jobs, restore economic growth, and strengthen America's middle class through measures that modernize the nation's infrastructure, enhance America's energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need, and for other purposes.

S. 2

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, a bill to improve the lives of middle class families and provide them with greater opportunity to achieve the American dream.

S. 3

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3, a bill to protect homeowners and consumers by reducing foreclosures, ensuring the availability of credit for homeowners, businesses, and consumers, and reforming the financial regulatory system, and for other purposes.

S. 4

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4, a bill to guarantee affordable, quality health coverage for all Americans, and for other purposes.

S. 5

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5, a bill to improve the economy and security of the United States by reducing the dependence of the United States on foreign and unsustainable energy sources and the risks of global warming, and for other purposes.

S. 6

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 6, a bill to restore and enhance the national security of the United States.

S. 7

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 7, a bill to expand educational opportunities for all Americans by increasing access to high-quality early childhood education and after school programs, advancing reform in elementary and secondary education, strengthening mathematics and science instruction, and ensuring that higher education is more affordable, and for other purposes.

S. 8

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 8, a bill to return the Government to the people by reviewing controversial "midnight regulations" issued in the waning days of the Bush Administration.

S. 9

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 9, a bill to strengthen the United States economy, provide for more effective border and employment enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 10

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 10, a bill to restore fiscal discipline and begin to address the long-term fiscal challenges facing the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) 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. 35

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 35, a bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes.

S. 42

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 42, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to preserve and protect Social Security benefits of American workers and to help ensure greater congressional oversight of the Social Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect.

S. 45

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) were added as cosponsors of S. 45, a bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 45, supra.

S. 46

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 46, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Ms. MIKULSKI):