

EC-312. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Education (Special Education and Rehabilitative Services), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research—Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program—Disability Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRPs)" (4000-01-U) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-313. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Director, National Institutes of Health, received on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-314. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of General Counsel, received on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-315. A communication from the Executive Director, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-316. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-317. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal years 2003-2008 and plans for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-318. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Testimony by NARA Employees Relating to Agency Information and Production of Records in Legal Proceedings" (RIN3095-AB32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-319. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the need for existing bankruptcy judgeships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-320. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of United States Attorney, District of New Jersey, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-321. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-322. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2008; to the

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-323. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Financial Assistance, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Business Loan Program Regulations: Incorporation of London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) Base Rate and Secondary Market Pool Interest Rate Changes" (RIN3245-AF83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-324. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Chief Counsel for Advocacy, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-325. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in Rates Payable Under the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program and Other Miscellaneous Issues" (RIN2900-AM67) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 5, 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. KOHL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 167. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. KYL, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 168. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with a felony or 2 or more misdemeanors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. ALLEXANDER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KYL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 169. A bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 170. A bill to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER,

Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REED, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 171. A bill to develop and maintain an integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, to improve warnings of tsunami, hurricanes, El Nino events, and other natural hazards, to enhance homeland security, to support maritime operations, to improve management of coastal and marine resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 172. A bill to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. REED):

S. 173. A bill to establish an interagency committee to develop an ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within NOAA; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 174. A bill to establish a coordinated and comprehensive Federal ocean and coastal mapping program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 175. A bill to evaluate certain skills certification programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 176. A bill to improve the job access and reverse commute program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 177. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to extend the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs, to increase the allocation of Federal agency grants for those programs, to add water, energy, transportation, and domestic security related research to the list of topics deserving special consideration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 178. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education of 1965 to authorize a connecting education and emerging professions demonstration grant program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 179. A bill to improve quality in health care by providing incentives for adoption of modern information technology; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 180. A bill to establish the Cache La Poudre River National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY,

Mr. REID, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DORGAN,

Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CARPER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WEBB, Mr. CASEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 181. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and to modify the operation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DODD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. REID):

S. 182. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; read the first time.

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

S. 183. A bill to establish the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area and the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 184. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 185. A bill to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 186. A bill to establish the South Park National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 187. A bill to provide for the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 188. A bill to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain lands in and adjacent to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 189. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the Sys-

tem, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 190. A bill to designate as wilderness certain land within the Rocky Mountain National Park and to adjust the boundaries of the Indian Peaks Wilderness and the Arapaho National Recreation Area of the Arapaho National Forest in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 191. A bill to amend the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000 to explain the purpose and provide for the administration of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S.J. Res. 4. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct popular election of the President and Vice President of the United States; 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. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KYL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BOND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. THUNE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. CASEY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. JOHANNES, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BROWN and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 10. A resolution recognizing the right of Israel to defend itself against attacks from Gaza and reaffirming the United States' strong support for Israel in its battle with Hamas, and supporting the Israeli-Palestinian peace process; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 11. A resolution to authorize production of documents to the Department of Defense Inspector General; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 34

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 34, a bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

S. 61

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 61, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code with respect to modification of certain mortgages on principal residences, and for other purposes.

S. 69

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr.

BENNETT), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 69, a bill to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, and for other purposes.

S. 118

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 118, a bill to amend section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for the elderly, and for other purposes.

S. 142

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 142, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to ensure that every uninsured child in America has health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 154

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 154, a bill to require the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation to use dynamic economic modeling in addition to static economic modeling in the preparation of budgetary estimates of proposed changes in Federal revenue law.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 167. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today with Senators FEINSTEIN, LEAHY, REID, and others to introduce the COPS Improvement Act of 2009. This legislation would reauthorize one of the Department of Justice's most successful efforts to fight crime, the Community Oriented Policing Services, COPS, program.

The success story of the COPS program has been told many times, but it is worth repeating. The goal in 1994 was to put an additional 100,000 cops on the beat. Over the next 5 years, from 1995