

EC-827. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace; Rockport, TX" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0988)(Airspace Docket No. 08-ASW-20)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-828. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Galena, AK" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0957)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AAL-27)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-829. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Branson, MO" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-1102)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AGL-8)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-830. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Colored Federal Airways; Alaska" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0661)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AAL-19)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-831. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Tulsa, OK" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-1231)(Airspace Docket No. 08-ASW-25)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-832. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Corpus Christi, TX" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-0987)(Airspace Docket No. 08-ASW-19)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-833. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Atlantic, IA" ((Docket No. FAA-2008-1105)(Airspace Docket No. 08-AGL-10)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. Res. 54. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Navy nomination of Capt. Brian P. Monahan, to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Michael A. Brown, to be Rear Admiral.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services 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.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brian D. Akins and ending with Jeffrey J. Wiegand, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on February 9, 2009.

Navy nominations beginning with Christopher M. Andrews and ending with Ezekiel J. Wetzel, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on February 9, 2009.

(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 Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 468. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 469. A bill to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to modify the computation for part-time service under the Civil Service Retirement System; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 470. A bill to combat organized crime involving the illegal acquisition of retail goods for the purpose of selling those illegally obtained goods through physical and online retail marketplaces; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 471. A bill to amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 to require the Statistics Commissioner to collect information from coeducational secondary schools

on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 472. A bill to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. REID, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 473. A bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 474. A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to apply whistleblower protections available to certain executive branch employees to legislative branch employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 475. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. BOND):

S. 476. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the minimum distance of travel necessary for reimbursement of covered beneficiaries of the military health care system for travel for specialty health care; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 477. A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing associations of producers of aquatic products" to include persons engaged in the fishery industry as charter boats or recreational fishermen, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BURR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KYL, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 478. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure the right of employees to a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board; read the first time.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KAUFMAN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 479. A bill to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 480. A bill to establish the Office of Regional Economic Adjustment in the Department of Commerce, to assist regions affected by sudden and severe economic dislocation by coordinating Federal, State, and local resources for economic adjustment and by providing technical assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 481. A bill to authorize additional Federal Bureau of Investigation field agents to investigate financial crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. REID, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DODD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. REED, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 482. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; read the first time.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. McCASKILL, and Mr. BOND):

S. 483. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 484. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BYRD):

S.J. Res. 11. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to a seat in the House of Representatives for the District of Columbia; 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. BAUCUS:

S. Res. 54. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance; from the Committee on Finance; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 55. A resolution designating each of February 4, 2009, and February 3, 2010, as "National Women and Girls in Sports Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. Res. 56. A resolution urging the Government of Moldova to ensure a fair and democratic election process for the parliamentary elections on April 5, 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. Con. Res. 8. A concurrent resolution expressing support for Children's Dental Health Month and honoring the memory of Deamonte Driver; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 34

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 34, a bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

S. 146

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr.

KAUFMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to amend the Federal anti-trust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads.

S. 160

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 160, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. 182

At the request of Mr. INOUE, his name was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 277

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, a bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, and for other purposes.

S. 322

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 322, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 345

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2012, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2009", and for other purposes.

S. 356

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 371

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RUSCH) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 371, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to allow citizens who have concealed carry permits from the State in which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another State that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the State.

S. 388

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 414

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 414, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act, to ban abusive credit practices, enhance consumer disclosures, protect underage consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 422

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 422, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.

S. 428

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 428, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. RES. 20

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 20, a resolution celebrating the 60th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

S. RES. 53

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 53, a resolution authorizing a plaque commemorating the role of enslaved African Americans in the construction of the Capitol.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 469. A bill to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to modify