

the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 131. An act to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission.

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-922. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two violations of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Appalachian Regional Commission; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-923. A communication from the Director, Pentagon Renovation and Construction Program Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report for the year ending March 1, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-924. A communication from the Vice Chair and First Vice President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Turkey; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-925. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Space Vehicle and Test Flight Activities from Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB), California" (RIN0648-AX08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-926. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Implementation Report: Energy Conservation Standards Activities"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-927. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological Material from Honduras" (RIN1505-AC11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-928. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to overseas surplus property; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-929. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Acquisition Regulation: Miscellaneous Clarifications and Corrections" (RIN3206-AL66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-930. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowance Rates; 2007 Interim Adjustments: Puerto Rico" (RIN3206-AL65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-931. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-19, "Disclosure to the United States District Court Temporary Amendment Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-932. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-20, "Metropolitan Police Department Subpoena Limitation Temporary Amendment Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-933. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-21, "Library Kiosk Services Temporary Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-934. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-22, "Vending Regulation Temporary Act of 2009" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-935. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-936. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of change in previously submitted reported information in the position of Associate Director of National Intelligence and Chief Information Officer, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-937. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of discontinuation of service in acting role in the position of Associate Director of National Intelligence and Chief Information Officer, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-938. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of change in previously submitted reported information in the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-939. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of discontinuation of service in acting role in the position of Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2009; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-940. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-941. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to data-mining activities; 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. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 555. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 556. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to modernize the process by which interstate firearms transactions are conducted by Federal firearms licensees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 557. A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States, to authorize grants for the assistance of organizations to find missing adults, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BURR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 558. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to nutrition labeling of food offered for sale in food service establishments; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 559. A bill to provide benefits under the Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence program for certain periods before the implementation of the program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. REID, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER,

Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. CARPER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. KAUFMAN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 560. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during the organizing efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. TESTER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 561. A bill to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 562. A bill to require accurate and reasonable disclosure of the terms and conditions of prepaid telephone calling cards and services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 563. A bill to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 564. A bill to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 565. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide continued entitlement to coverage for immunosuppressive drugs furnished to beneficiaries under the Medicare Program that have received a kidney transplant and whose entitlement to coverage would otherwise expire, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 566. A bill to create a Financial Product Safety Commission, to provide consumers with stronger protections and better information in connection with consumer financial products, and to give providers of consumer financial products more regulatory certainty; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. Res. 72. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding drug trafficking in Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 73. A resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2009, through September 30, 2009, and October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, and October 1, 2010, through February 28, 2011; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 61

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) 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. 261

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the deduction for the travel expenses of a taxpayer's spouse who accompanies the taxpayer on business travel.

S. 277

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, 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. 317

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 317, a bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) 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 names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 428, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 484

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana

(Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 542

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 542, a bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress.

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. 542, *supra*.

S. 546

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) were added as cosponsors of S. 546, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. RES. 60

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 60, a resolution commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, and the Republic of Poland as members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

S. RES. 64

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Vermont